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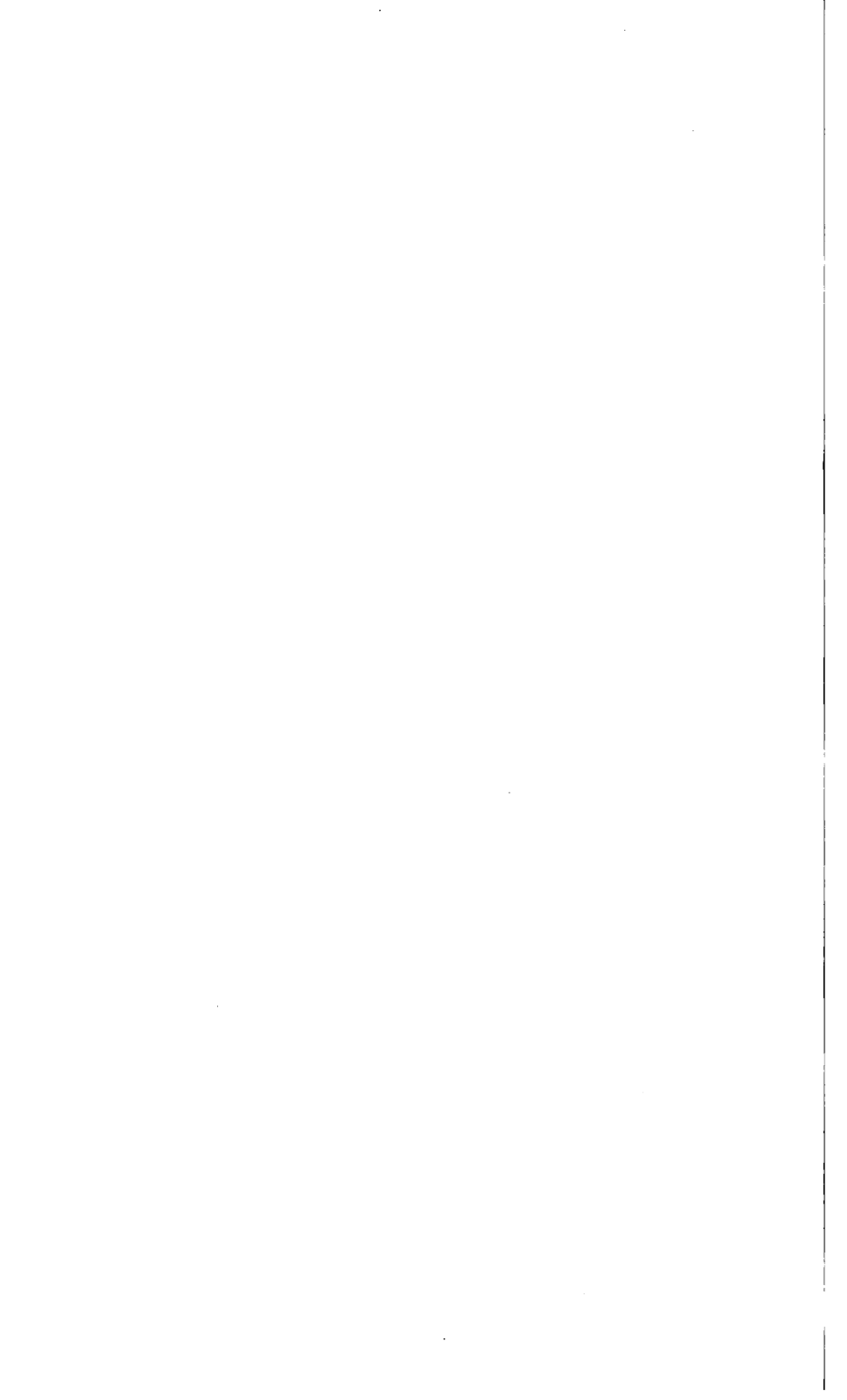
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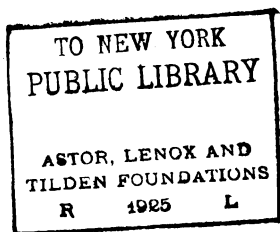
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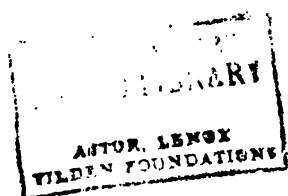






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QUEENZ MAJESTY,

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Killingwoorth Castl in Warwick Sheer,

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Soomerz Progreß 1575,

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From a freend Officer attendant in the
Coourt, unto his freend a *Citizen* and
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De Regiñâ nostrâ illustrissimâ,

Dum laniata ruant vicina ah regna tumultu,
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Untoo my good freend, Master

Humfrey Martin, MERCER.

AFTER my hartie commendations,
I commend me hartily too yoo.
Understande yee, that sins through
God and good freends, I am placed at
Coourt heer (as ye wot) in a woorthipfull
room: Whearby I am not onlie acquaint-
ed with the most, and well knoen to the best,
and every Officer glad of my Company: But
also have poour, adayz (while the Councell
sits not) to go and too see things fight wor-
thy; and too bee prezent at any Sheaw or
Spectacl, only whear this Progresse repre-
sented unto her Highness; And of part of
which Sportez, having takin sum notez and
observationz (for I cannot bee Idl at any
hand in the World) az well to put fro me
suspition of Sluggardy, az too pluk from yoo
doout of ony my forgetfulness of Freendship:
I have thought it meet to impart them unto
yoo, as frankly, az freendly, and az fully as

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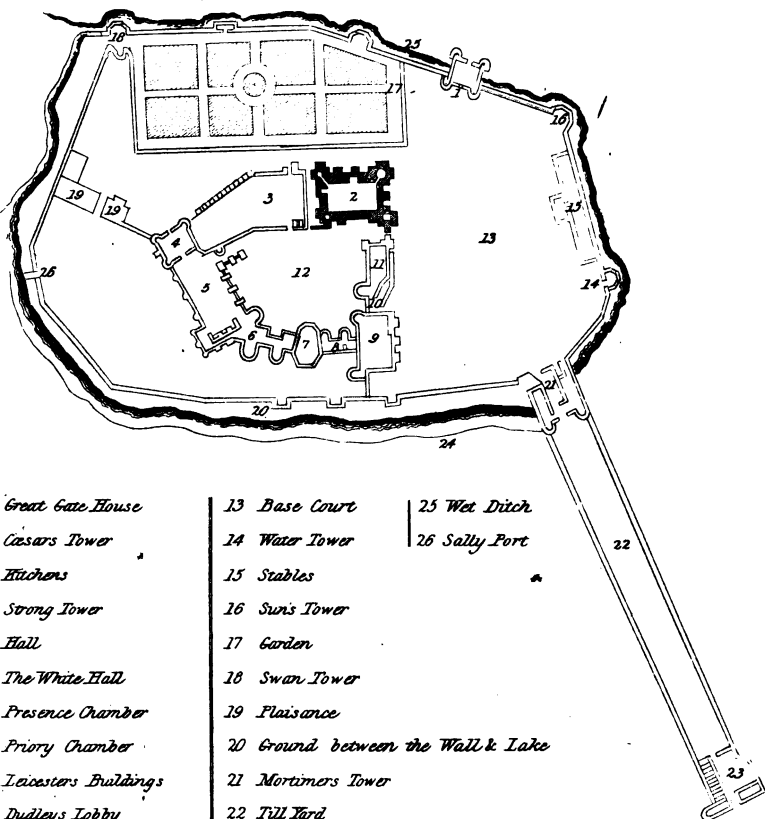
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I can: Well wot yee the blak Prins waz
~~never stained with disloyaltee of ingratitude~~
 towarde ony, I dare be his warrant hee will
 not beginee with yoo that hath at his hand
 so deeply dezerved. But heerin the better
 for conceyving of my minde and instruction
 of yours, ye must gyve mee leave a littl, az
 well to preface untoo my matter, as to
 discoors sumwhat of *Killyngwoorth Castl*.
 A territory of the right honorabl, my
 singular good Lord, my Lord the Earl of
Leyceter: of whooz incomparabl cherrying
 and enterteynment thear, untoo her *Majesty*
 noow, I will shew yoo a part heer that could
 not see all; nor had I seen all, could well
 report the halff. Whear Thynges for the
 Parsons, for the Place, time, Cost, devisez,
 straungnes, and Aboundauns of all that ever
 I sawe (and yet have I been, what under my
Master Bomsted, and what on my own affayres,
 whyle I occupied Merchaundize, both in
Fraunce and *Flaunders* long and many a
 day,) I saw none ony where so memorabl,
 I tell you plain.

*Killingwoorth
 Castl.*

The *Castl* hath name of *Killingwoorth*,
 but of truth grounded upon feythful Storie
Kenelwoorth: It stonds in *Warwykshyre*, a

Kenilworth Castle



1 Great Gate House

2 Caesars Tower

3 Kitchens

4 Strong Tower

5 Hall

6 The White Hall

7 Presence Chamber

8 Priory Chamber

9 Leicesters Buildings

10 Dudleys Lobby

11 King Henry's Lodgings

12 Inner Court

13 Base Court

14 Water Tower

15 Stables

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17 Garden

18 Swan Tower

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24 Lake

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lxxiiii myle north-west from *London*, and
 az it were in the Navel of *England*, foure
 myle sumwhat South from *Coventree* a pro-
 per Cittee, and a lyke distaunce from *War-
 wyk*, a fayre Sheere toun on the North:
 In Ayr sweet and hollsum, raised on an eazy
 mounted hill, iz sette eevenlie coasted with
 the froont straight intoo the East, hath the
 Tenaunts and Tooun about it, that pleasant-
 ly shifts from dale too Hyll fundry whear
 wyth sweet Springs bursting foorth: And
 iz so plentifulle well sorted on every side in-
 too Arabl, Meads, Pasture, Wood, Water,
 and good Ayrz, az it appeerz to have need
 of nothing that may perteyn too living or
 pleazure. Too avauntage hath it, hard on
 the West, still nourisht with many lively
 Springs, a goodly Pool of rare beauty,
 bredth, length, deapth, & store of all kinde
 fresh water fish, delicat, great and fat, and
 also of wild fooul byside. By a rare situ-
 acion & natural amitee seemz this Pool con-
 joynd to the *Castlz* that on the West layz the
 head az it wear upon the *Castlz* boosom, em-
 braceth it on either side Soouth and North
 with both the Arms, settl^z it self az in a
 reach a flight shoot brode, stretching foorth
 body and legs a myle or too West-ward: Be-
 tween

tween a fayre Park on the one side, which by the Brayz is linked too the *Castl* on the South, sprinckled at the entraunce with a feaw Coonyez, that for colour and smallnes of number, seem to be suffered more for pleasure than commoditee: And on the oother side, North & West, agoodlie chase: Wast, wyde, large, and full of red Deer and oother stately Gamez for hunting: Beautified with many delectabl fresh and umbragious boowz, Arberz, Seatz, and Walks, that with great Art, Cost, & diligens wear very pleasauntlie appointed: Which also the natural grace by the tall and fresh fragrant treez, and foil, did so far forth commend, az *Diana* her-self myght have deyned thear well enough too raunge for her Pastime.

The least Arm of this Pool North-ward had my Lorde adooorned with a beautifull bracelet of a fayre tymbred bridge, that iz of xiiii foot wide, and a six hundred foot long; railed all on both sidez, strongly planked for passage, reaching from the Chase too the *Castl*: That thus in the midst hath clear prospect over theez pleasures on the back part; and forward over all the Toun, and mooch of the Countree beside.

Heertog.

Heertoo, a speciall commoditee at hand
 of fundrie quarriez of large building stone,
 the goodnes whearof may the eazlyar be
 judged, in the building and auntienty of the
Castl; that (az by the name and hyf stories,
 well may be gathered) waz first reared by
Kenulph, and his young Sun *Kenelm*: born
 both indeed within the Ream^r heer, but yet
 of the race of *Saxons*: And reigned Kings
 of *Marchlond* from the year of our Lord
 798, too 23 yeezr toogyther, above 770
 yeer ago. Altho' the *Castl* hath one Auncient
 strong and large Keep that iz called *Ceazarz*
Tour, rather (az I have good cauz to think)
 for that it iz square and high, foormed after
 the maner of *Ceazarz Fortz* then that ever he
 bylt it. Nay noow I am a littl in *Master*
Martin ile tell you all.

Florilege
 fol. 221, & 225:

Guil. Malmesb.
 lib. I.

This *Marchlond* that storyes call *Mercia*,
 iz numbred in their Bookes the foorth of
 the seaven Kingdomes that the *Saxons* had
 whilom heer divided among them in the
 Ream: Began in *Anno Dom.* 616, one
 hundred and thirtie nine yeer after *Horfins*
 and *Hengist*; continu'd in the race of 17
 Kings, 249 yeers toogyther, and ended in
Ann. 875. Reyzed from the rest, (sayz the
 book)

Mercia.

book) at first by *Penda's* presumption: overthroun at last by *Buthred's* *Hascardy*, and so fell to the kingdom of the *West-Saxons*. And *Marchlond* had in it *London*, *Mildelfex*, heering a Bishoprik. Had more of *Shyrez: Gloceter*, *Woorceter*, and *Warwik*, and heering a Bishoprik. *Chester* (that now we call *Cheshyre*) *Darby* and *Staffoord*, whereunto one Bishop that had also part of *Warwyk* and *Shrewsbury*, and his See at *Coventree* that was then aforetime at *Lychfeeld*. Heretoo: *Hereford*, wherein a Bishoprik that had more too Jurisdiction, half *Shreusbury*, part of *Warwyk* and also of *Gloceter*, and the See at *Hereford*. Also had *Oxford*, *Buckingham*, *Hertford*, *Huntingdon*, & halfe of *Bedforde*; and too theez, *Norhampton*, part of *Leyceter*; and also *Lincoln*, whearunto a Bishop: Whoz See at *Lincoln* Citee that sumtime before was at *Dorchester*, heerto the rest of *Leyceter* and in *Nottingham*, that of old had a speciall Bishop, whooz See waz at *Leyceter*; but after, put to the charge of the Archbishop of *Yorke*.

Now touching the Name, that of oldl Recordes I understand, and of Auncient Writers I find, iz call'd *Kenelworth*; Syns
most

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QUEEN ELIZABETH'S
Entry into
KENILWORTH CASTLE, A.D. 1575.

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most of the *Worth's* in *England* stand ny untoo like lakes, and ar eyther small *Ilandz*, such one as the Seat of this *Castl* hath been and eazly may bee, or is lond ground by Pool- or River whearon Willoz, Alderz, or such like doo gro: Which *Althamerus* writes precizely that the *Germaines* cal ~~Werd~~: Joyn- ing these too together with the nighness allso of the Woords and sybred of the toongs. I am the bolder to pronooouns, that as our *English Woorth*, with the rest of our Auncient Langage, was leaft us from the *Germaines*; eeven so that their *Werd* and our *Woorth* iz all one thing in signfiaunce, common too us both, e'en at this day: I take the case so clear, that I say not az mooch az I moought. Thus Proface ye with the Preface; and now to the Matter.

Upon *Tacitus*.
fol. 142.

The *Germanes*
call *Werk* that
we call *Woork*.

They call
Werk that we
call *Woorld*.

They *Wermut*
we *Woormwood*.

They biel *Wert*
we much *Woorth*.

ON *Saterday* the Nyenth of *July*, at long *Ichington*, a Town & Lordship of my Lord's, within a seaven Myle of *Killingworth*, his Honor made her *Majesty* great cheer at Dinner, and pleasaunt Pastime in Hunting by the way after, that it was eight o'Clock in the Evening ear her Highness came too *Killingworth*: Whear in the Park, about a flight shoot from the Brayz and first gate of the

Sybyls. *Castl*, one the ten *Sibills*, that (we reed) wear all *Fatidicæ* and *Theobulæ*, (as parties and privy too the Gods gracious good willz, (cumly clad in a Pall of white Sylk, pronounced a proper Poezi in English Rime and Meeter: Of effect hoow great gladness her goodnesse prezenze brought into everie ffeed whear it pleased her too cum; and special now into that place that had so long longed after the same: Ended with prophecie certain, of mooch and long prosperitie health and felicitee: This her *Majestie* beningly accepting, passed foorth untoo the next gate of the Brayz, which for the length, largenes and use, (as well it may so serve)

The Porter. they call now the Tylt-yard, whear a Porter, tall of Person, big of lim and stearn of coountinance, wrapt also all in Sylke, with a club and keiz of quantitee according, had a rough speech full of Passions in meeter aptly made to the purpose: Whearby (az her Highnes was cum within his warde) hee burst out in a great pang of impatiens to see such uncooth trudging too and fro, such riding in and out, with such dyn and noiz of talk within the charge of his Offis: Whearof hee never saw the like nor had any warning afore, ne yet could make too him-
self

self any cauze of the matter: At last upon
 better view and avisement, az hee preast too
 cum neerar, confessing anon that hee found
 himself pearced at the prezens of a personage
 so evidently expressing an heroicall Soverain-
 tee over all the whole Estates, and by degreez
 thear besyde, callin'd his stoniz, proclaims
 open gates and free passage to all, yeelds
 up his Club, his Keyz, hiz Office and all;
 and on hiz kneez humbly prayz pardon of
 hiz ignorauns and impaciens: which her
 Highness graciousslie graunting, he cauz'd
 his Trumpetourz that stood uppon the wall
 of the gate thear, too soound up a tune of
 welcum: Which, besyde the nobl noyz,
 was so mooch the more pleasaunt too behold;
 becaus theez Trumpetours, beeing fixe in
 number, wear every one an eight foot hye,
 in due proportion of Parson besyde, all in
 long garments of Sylk suitabl, eache with hiz
 sylvery Trumpet of a five footlong, foorm-
 ed taper wyse, and straight from the upper
 part untoo the neathere eend: Whear the
 diameter was a 16 ynchez over, and yet so
 tempered by art, that being very eazy too
 the blast, they cast soorth no greater noyz,
 nor a more unpleazaunt soound for time
 and tune, than any oother common Trumpet,

*The
 Trumpetors.*

bee it never so artificially formed. ~~Thee~~ armonious blasterz, from the foreside of the gate at her highness entrance whear they began: Walking upon the Wallz untoo the inner; had this Muzik mainteined from them very delectably, while her Highness all along this Tylt-yard rode unto the inner gate next the base Coourt of the *Castl*: where the Lady of the Lake, (famous in King *Arthurz* Book) with too *Nymphes* waiting uppon her, arrayed all in Sylks, attending her Highness comming: From the midst of the Pool, whear upon a moovabl *Iland*, bright blazing with Torches, she floting to Land, met her *Majesty* with a well penned meeter and matter after this sort: [viz] First of the Auncientee of the *Castl*, whoq had been ownerz of the same e'en 'till this day, most always in the hands of the Earls of *Leyceter*; hoow shee had kept this Lake sinz King *Arthurz* Dayz; and now understanding of her highness hither cumming, thought it both office and duetie, in humble wize to discover her and her Estate; offering up the same, her Lake and Poowr therein, with promise of repayre unto the Coourt. It pleased her highness too thank this Lady, and too add withall, we had thought indeed the

*The Lady of
the Lake.*

the Lake had been oourz, and doo you call it yourz now? Well, we will herein common more with yoo hereafter.

THIS Pageant was cloz'd up with a delectable harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz, Cornets, and such oother looud Muzik, that held on while her *Majestie* pleasauntly so passed from thence toward the *Castl* gate; whearunto from the baze Coourt over a dry valley cast into a good foorm, waz thear framed a fayr Bridge of a twenty foot wide, and a seaventy foot long, graveld for treading, railed on either part with seaven Posts on a side, that stood a 12 foot a sunder thickned betweene with well proportioned Pillars turn'd.

The Bridge.

*Seven pair
of Posts.*

UPON the first payr of Posts were set too cumly square wyre Cages, a three foot long, too foot wide; and hye in them live Bitters, Curluz, Shoovelarz, Hearsheawz, Godwitz, and such like deinty Byrds of the presents of *Sylvanus* the God of Foul. On the second payr, too great sylver'd Bollz, featly apted too the purpoze, filde with Applz, Pearz, Cherriz, Filberdz, Walnuts, fresh upon their braunches, and with Oranges, Pougarnets, Lemmans,

*Sylvanus. 1.
Presents.*

- Lemmans, and Pipinz, all for the giftz of
Pomona. 2. *Pomona*, Goddes of Fruitz. The third pair
of Posts, in too such sylver'd Bollz, had
(all in earz Green and Old) Wheat, Barly,
Ceres. 3. Ootz, Beans and Peaz, az the gifts of *Ceres*.
The fourth Post on the least hand, in a like
sylvered Boll, had Grapes in Clusters whyte
and red, gracified with their vine leavez:
The match Post against it had a payre of
great whyte sylver lyvery Pots for Wyne:
and before them too Glassez of good capacitie,
fill'd full; the t'on with whyte Wine, the
two other with Claret; so fresh of coolor,
and of look so lovely, smiling to the Eyz of
many, that by my feith mee thought, by
their leering, they could have soound in
their harts (az the evening was hot,) to
have kist them sweetlie, and thought it no
Sin: And theez for the potencial prezents of
Bacchus. 4. *Bacchus* the God of Wine. The fift payr had
each a fair large trey streawd with fresh grafs;
and in them, Coonger, Burt, Mullet, Fresh
Herring, Oisters, Samon, Crevis, and such
like from *Neptunus*, God of the Sea. On the
Neptunus. 5. sixth payr of Posts wear set two ragged Stavez
of sylver, as my Lord givez them in Armz,
beautifully glittering of Armour thereupon
depending, Bowz, Arroze, Spearz, Sheeld,
Head

Head-pees, Gorget, Corselets, Swoords, Targets, and such like, for *Mars* Gifts the God of War. And the aptlyer (methought,) waz it that thooz ragged Staves supported theez Martial presents, as well becauz theez staves by their tines seem naturallie meete for the bearing of Armoour, as also that they chiefly in this place might take upon them principall protection of her Highness Parson, that so benignly pleased her to take herbour. On the seaventh Posts, the last and next too the *Castl*, wear thear pight to saer Bay braunches of a four foot hy, adourned on all sides with Lutes, Viollz, Shallmz, Cornets, Flutes, Recorders, and Harpes, az the presents of *Phæbus* the God of Muzik for rejoicing the mind, and also of Phizik, for health to the Body. *Mars. 6. Phæbus. 7.*

Over the *Castl* Gate was there fastened a Tabl beautifully garnisht abooove with her Highness Arms, and featlie with Ivy wreathz boorded aboout, of a ten foot Square: The ground blak, whearupon in large white Capitall Roman fayr written, a Poem mentioning theeze Gods and their Gifts, thus presented untoo her Highness: Which, becauz it remained unremooved, at leizure and please I took it coult, as foloeth. A D

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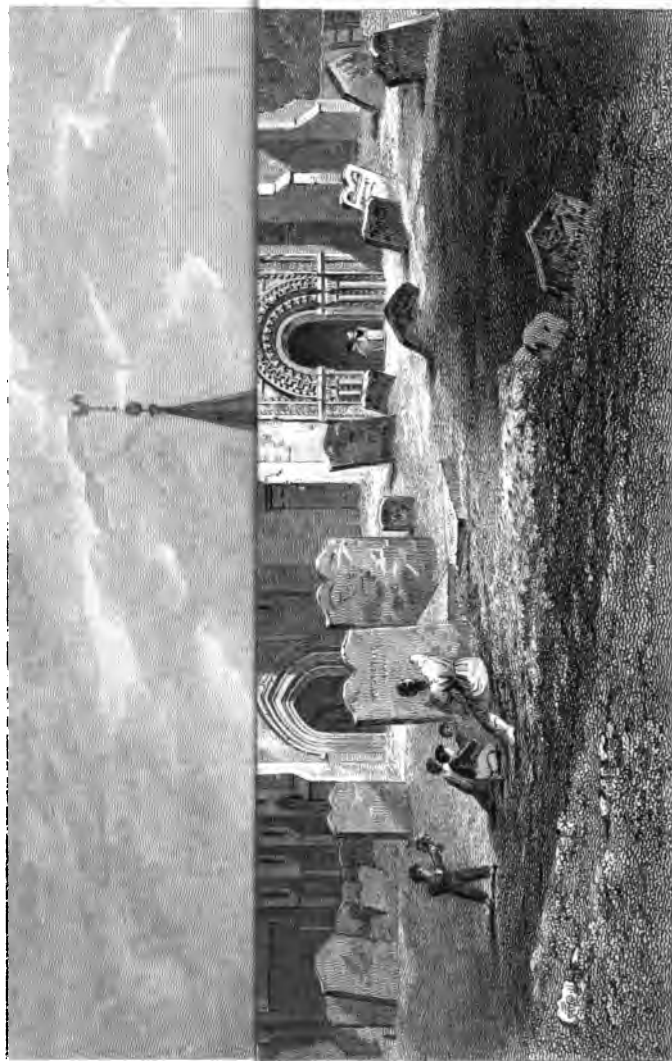
Jupiter huc certos cernens te tendere gressus
 Cælicolas PRINCEPS actutum convocat Omnes:
 Obsequium præstare jubet TIBI quæque benignum.
 Unde suas Sylvanus Aves, Pomonaque fructus,
 Alma Ceres fruges, hilarantia vina Liæus,
Neptunus Pisces, tela et tutantia *Mævors*,
 Suave Melos *Phæbus*, solidamque longamque salutem.
 Dii TIBI REGINA hæc (cum sis DIGNISSIMA) præbent:
 Hoc TIBI, cum Domino, dedit se & verba KENELMI.

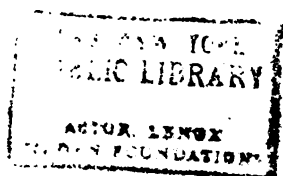
All the Letters that mention her *Majesty*, which
 heer I put capitall, for reverens and honor wear
 thear made in Golld.

But the Night well spent, for that theez
 Versez by torch light coold easily bee read,
 by a Poet thearfore in a long ceruleoous
 garment, with a fide and wide sleeves
 Venecian wize drawn up to his elboz, his
 dooblett sleevez under that, Crimzen, noth-
 ing but Silke; a Bay garland on his head,
 and a skro in his hand, making first an hum-
 ble Obeizaunce at her highness cummyng,
 and pointing untoo everie present as he
 spake; the same were pronounced. Thus
 viewing

Engraved by Miss Macgillivray.

After an illustration from a scene at Jerusalem.





viewing the Gifts, az she past, and how the Poets might agree with the speech of the Poet, at the eend of the bridge and entree of the Gate, waz her highnes received with a fresh delicate Armony of Flutz, in per-fourmauns of *Phæbus* Presents.

So passing intoo the inner Coourt, her *Majesty* (that never rides but alone) thear set down from her palfrey, was conveied up to Chamber: When after did follo so great a peal of gunz, and such lightning by fyr-work a long space toogither, as *Jupiter* woold sheaw himself too bee no further behind with hiz welcum then the rest of hiz Gods: and that woold hee have all the Countrie to kno: for indeed the noiz and flame were heard and seen a twenty myle of. Thus much *Master Martin* (that I remember me) for the first daiz Bien venu. Be yee not wery, for I am skant in the midst of my matter.

On *Sunday* the forenoon Occupied, az for the Sabot day, in quiet and vacation from woork, and in divine servis and preaching at the Parish Church: The Afternoon in excelent Muzik of sundry swet Instruments,

Sunday.

and in dauncing of Lordes and Ladiez, and
 oother woorthfull degrees, uttered with
 such lively agilitee and commendable grace
 az whither it moought be more straunge too
 the eye, or pleazunt too the minde, for my
 part indeed I could not discern; but exceed-
 ingly well was it, methought in both.

At night late, az though *Jupiter* the last
 night had forgot for biziness, or forborn for
 curtesy and quiet, part of his wellcoom un-
 too her highness appointed, noow entrins at
 the fyrst intoo hiz purpoze moderatly (az
 mortallz doo) with a warning peec or too,
 proceeding on with incres; at last the *Altito-*
nant displeaz me hiz mayn pood; with blaz
 of burning Darts, flying too and fro, leams
 of starz coruscant, streamz and hail of fire
 sparkes, lightnings of wildfier a water and
 lond, flight & shoot of thunderboltz, all with
 such countinauns terror & vehemencie, that
 the Heavins thundred, the Waters sooured,
 the Earth shooke; and in such sort furly, az
 had we not bee assured of the fulmieant de-
 itee waz all hot in Amitee, and could not
 otherwise witnesse his wellcomming unto
 her highness; it would have made mee, for
 my part, az hardy az I am, very veangeably
 afeard

afeard. This a doo lasted while the Mid-
night waz past, that well waz mee soon after
when I waz cought in my cabayn: and this
for the secund day.

Munday was hot, and thearfore her high- *Munday, 3.*
ness kept in a till a five a Clok in the eeven-
ing: what time it pleazz'd her too ride
foorth into the Chace too hunt the Hart of *The Hunting*
fors: which foound anon, and after fore *of the Hart of*
fors.
chased, and chased by the hot purfuit of the
hooundes, was fain of fine fors, at last to
take soil. Thear to beholld the swift fleet-
ing of the Deer afore with the stately Cariage
of his head in hiz swimmyng, spred (for the
quantitee) lyke the sail of a Ship: the
hounds harroing after, az they had bin a
number of skiphs too the spoyle of a Karvell:
the ton no lesse eager in purchaz of his pray,
then waz the other earnest in savegard of hiz
life: so az the earning of the hoounds in
continuauns of their crie, the swiftness of
the Deer, the running of footmen, the gallop-
ing of horsez, the blasting of hornz, the hal-
loing and hewing of the huntmen, with the
excellent echoz between whilez from the
Woods and Waters in Valleiz resounding;
mooved Pastime delectabl in so hye a degree,

az for ony parson to take pleazure by moost
 fenſez at once, in mine opinion, thear can
 be none ony wey comparable to this: and
 ſpeciall in this place, that of nature is foorm-
 ed ſo fytt for the purpoſe; in feith *Maſter*
Martin if ye could with a Wiſh, I would
 ye had bin at it: Wel the Hart waz kild,
 a goodly Deer, but ſo ceaſt not the game
 yet.

For about nien a Clock, at the hitler
 part of the Chafe whear torch light attend-
 ed, oout of the Woods, in her *Majesty's* re-
 turn, rooughly came thear ſooth *Honour*.
The Savage *Salvagio*, with an Oken plant pluſt up by
Man. the roots in his hande, himſelf forgrone all in
 Moſs and Ivy; who, for parſonage, geſture,
 and utteraunce beſide, coountenaunt the
 matter too very good liking; and had ſpeech
 to effect: That continuing ſo long in theeze
 wilde Waſtes, whearin oft had he fared both
 far and neer, yet hapt he never to ſee ſo
 glorious an Aſſemble afore: and noow caſt
 intoo great grief of mind, for that neyther
 by himſelf could he geſs, nor knew whear
 elſe too bee taught, what they ſhould be,
 or whoo bare eſtate. Reports ſum had he
 hard many ſtraunge things, but brooyled
 thearby

theaby so mooch the more in desire of knowledge. Thus in great pangs bethought he, and call'd he upon all his familiarz and companionz, the Fawnz, the Satyres, the Nymphs, the Dryades & the Hamadryades; but none making aunswear, whearby his care the more encreasing, in utter grief and extreem refuge, call'd he allowd at last, after hiz olld freend *Echo*, that he wist would hyde nothing from him, but tell him all, if she wear heer. Heer (quoth *Echo*.) Heer, *Echo*, and art thou thear? (says he,) Ah hoow mooch hast thou relieved my careful spirits with thy curtezy onward. A my good *Echo*, heer is a marveilooous prezenz of dignitee; what are they I pray thee, who is Soverain, tell me I beseech thee, or elze hoow moought I kno? I kno (quoth she.) Knoest thou, says he? marry that is exceedingly well: Why then, I dezire thee, hartily to sho mee what *Majestie*, (for no mean degree is it) have we heer: a *King* or a *Queen*? (quoth *Echo*.) A *Queen*! sayez hee? Pauzing and wisely viewing a while, noow full certeynlie seemes thy tale to be true: And proceeding by this maner of Dialog, with an earnest beholding her highness a while, recounts he first hoow justly
that

Echo.

that foormer reports agree with his present sight, touching the beautifull linaments of coountinauns, the cumly proportion of body, the Prinly grace of prezenz, the graciouz giftz of nature, with the rare and singular qualities of both body and mind in her *Majesty* conjoyn'd, and so apparent at eye. Then shortly rehearsing Saterdaiz Actes, of *Sibil's* salutation, of the Porter's proposition, of his Trumpetours Muzik, of the Lake Ladiez Oration, of the seaven Godz seaven Prezentz, Hee reporteth the incredibl joy that all estatez in the land have allweyz of her hignes whearsoever it cums: .eendeth with presage and prayer of perpetuall felicitie, and with humble subjection of him and hiszen and all that they may do. After this sort the matter went with littl differens I gesse, saving only in this point, that the thing which heer I report in unpolisht Proez, was thear pronounced in good meeter and matter, very wel indighted in rime. *Echo* finely framed most aptly by answerz thus to utter all. And I shall tell yoo *Master Martin*, by the mass, of a mad Adventure: As this Savage for the more submission brake hiz tree asunder, and Kast the top from him, it had almost light upon her highnes hors hedd; whearat he startld,
and

the gentlman much dismayd. See the ben-
 nignitee of the Prins; az the footmen lookt
 well too the hors, and hee of-generositee
 soon calmd of himself——“No hurt, “No
 hurt, quoth her highnes. Which Words
 I promif yoo wee wear all glad to hear;
 and took them too be the best part of the
 Play.

Tuisday, pleazaunt passing of the time with *Tuisday. 4.*
 Muzik and dauncing; saving that toward
 night it liked her *Majesty* too walk a foot
 into the Chase over the bridge: whear it
 pleased her to stand, while upon the Pool
 oout of a Barge fine appointed for the pur-
 poze, too heer sundry kinds of very delectabl
 Muzik; thus recreated, and after sum wallk
 her highnes returned.

Wednesday, her *Majesty* rode intoo the *Wednesday. 5.*
 Chase, a hunting again of the Hart of Fors.
 The Deer, after his property; for refuge took
 the soyl: but so master'd by hote pursuit
 on al parts, that he was taken quick in the
 Pool: The Watermen held him up hard by
 the hed, while at her highnes comaundment
 he lost hiz earz for a raundsum and so had
 pardon for lyfe.

*The Hart
 pardoned.*

Thursday,

Thursday, 6. *Thursday*, the fourteenth of this *July*,
 and the sixth day of her *Majestyez* cumming,
 a great sort of *Bandogs* whear thear tyed
A queast of
Bearz. in the utter Court, and thyrteen *Bearz* in
 the inner. Whosoever made the pannell,
 thear wear inoow for a *Queast*, and one for
 challenge and need wear. A Wight of great
 wizdoom and gravitee seemed their forman
 to be, had it cum to a *Jury*: But it fell
 oout that they wear cauzd too appeer thear
 upon no such matter, but onlie too aunswear
 too auncient quarrell between them and the
Bandogs, in a cause of controversy that
 hath long depended, been obstinaty full
 often debated with sharp and byting argu-
 ments a both fydes, and could never be
 decided grown noow too so marveyloous a
 mallys, that with spitefull obrayds and un-
 charitabl chaffings alweiz they freat, az any
 whear the ton can heer, see, or smell the
 toother: And indeed at utter deadly feud.
 Many a maymd member, (God wot) bloody
 face & a torn Cote hath the quarrel cost be-
 tween them, so far likely the lesse yet noow
 to be appeazd, as thear wants not partakers
 too bak them a both sidez.

Well syr, the *Bearz* wear brought forth
 intoo

intoo the Court, the Dogs set too them;
 too argu the points eeven face too face; they
 had learnd counsell also a both parts: what
 may they be coounted parciall that are re-
 tain but a to syde? I ween no. Very feers
 both ton & toother and eager in argument:
 If the Dog in pleadyng woold pluk the Bear
 by the throte, the Bear with travers woould
 claw him again by the scalp; Confess and a
 list, but avoyd a coould not that waz bound too
 the bar: And hiz Couunsell tolld him that
 it coould be too him no pollecy in pleading.
 Thearfore thus with fending and prooving,
 with plucking and tugging, skratting and
 byting, by plain tooth and nayll a to fide
 and toother, such expens of blood and leather
 waz thear between them, as a moonths lick-
 ing I ween will not recoover: and yet re-
 main as far out az ever they wear.

It was a sport very pleazaunt of theeze
 beaftz; to see the Bear with his pink nyez
 leering after hiz enmiez approch, the nimbl-
 ness and wayt of the Dog too take hiz a-
 vantage, and the fors and experiens of the
 Bear agayn to avoyd the affaults: If he wear
 bitten in one place, hoow he woould pynch
 in an oother too get free: that if he wear

taken onez, then what shyft with byting with clawying, with roring tossing and tumbling he woold woork too wynde hym self from them: And when he was lose, to shake hiz earz twyse or thryse wyth the blud and the flaver aboout his fiznamy, waz a matter of a goodly releef.

*Gun shot and
fyrework.*

As this sport waz had a day time, in the *Castl*, so waz thear abrode at night very straunge and fundry kindez of fier works, compeld by cunning to fly too and fro, and too mount very hye intoo they Ayr upward, and also too burn unquenshabl in the Water beneathe; contrary, ye wot, too fyerz kinde: This intermingld with a great peal of Guns, which all gave both to the ear and to the Eye the greater grace and delight, for that with such Order and Art they wear tempered, tooching time and continuaunce, that waz about too hours space.

*Tumbling of
the Italian.*

Noow within also, in the mean time waz thear sheawed before her hignes, by an *Italian*, such feats of Agilitiee, in goinges, turninges, tumblings, castinges, hops, jumps, leaps, skips, springs, gambaud, foomerfauts, caprettiez and flights; forward, backward, sydewize,

fydewize, a doownward, upward and with
 fundry windings, gyrings & circumflexions;
 allso lightly and with such eazinefs, as by
 mee in feaw words it is not expreffibl by pen
 or fpeech I tell yoo plain. I bleaft me by
 my faith to behold him, and began to doout
 whither a waz a man or a spirite, and I
 ween had doouted mee 'till this day, had it
 not been that anon I bethought me of men
 that can reafon and talk with too toongs,
 and with too parfons at onez, fing like Burdz,
 curteiz of behaviour, of body ftrong, and in
 joynts fo nymbel withall, that their bonez
 feem az lythie and plyaunt fyneuz. They
 dwel in a happy *Iland* (az the Book tearmz
 it,) four moonths fayling Southward beyond
Ethiop. Nay *Mafter Martin* I tell you no
 jeft; for both *Diodorus Siculus* an Auncient *Diodor. Sicul.*
 Greek Historiographer in his third book of *de Antig.*
 the Acts of the olld *Egyptions*; and alfo from *Egyptiorum*
Gefia. lib. 3.
 him *Conrad Gefnerus*, a great learned man,
 and a very diligent Writer in all good Argu-
 ments of oour time, but deceafed, in the
 firft chapter of hiz *Mithridates* reporteth the
 fame. As for this fellow, I cannot tell what
 too make of him, fave that I may geffe his
 bak metalld like a Lamprey, that haz no
 bone, but a lyne like to a Lute ftring. Well

fyr, let him pass and his feats, and this daye
pastime withall, for heer iz az mooch az I
can remember mee for *Thursdaiz* entertain-
ment.

Friday, 7.
Saterday, 8.

Friday and *Saterday* wear thear no open
sheaws abroad, becauz the weather enclynde
too sum moyster and wynde; that very seaz-
onably temperd the drought and the heat,
cauzed by the continuans of fayr weather
and sunshyne afore, all the whyle syns her
Majestiez thither cumming.

Sunday, 9.

A *Sunday*, opportunely the weather brake
up again, and after divine Servis in the
Parish Church for the Sabot day, and a
frutefull Sermon thear in the forenoon: At
Afternoon, in woorship of this *Kenelwoorth*
Castl, and of *God* and *Saint Kenelm*, whooz
day forsooth by the Calendar this waz; a
solemn Brydeale of a proper Coopl waz ap-
pointed; Set in order in the Tylt-yard, too
cum and make thear sheaw before the *Castl*
in the great Coourt, whear az was pight a
cumly Quintine for featz at Armz, which
when they had done, too march oout at the
North gate of the *Castl* homeward again in-
to the Tooun.

a *Brideale*.

And

And thus were they marshalld. Fyrst, all the lustie Lads and bolld bachelorz of the Parish, sutable every Wight with hiz blu buckeram bridelace upon a braunch of green Broom (cauz rozemary iz skant thear) tyed on hiz leaft arme, (for a that syde-lyez the heart,) and his Alder pole for a spear in his right hand, in Marciall order raunged on a fore, too and too in a rank: Sum with a hat, sum in a Cap, sum a Cote, sum a jerken, sum for lightnes in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze, Cleā trust with a point afore: Sum botes and no Spurz, he Spurz and no boots, and he neyther nother: One a Sadel, anoother a Pad or a Pannell fastened with a Cord, for gyrts wear geazon; And theez to the number of a sixteen wight riding men and well beseen: But the Bridegroom formost, in hiz fatherz tawny worsted jacket, (for hiz freends wear fayn that he shoold be a Brydegroom before the *Queen*) a fayr strawn hat with a Capitall Crooun, steepl Wyze on his hed; a payr of harvest gloves on hiz hands, az a sign of good Husbandry: A Pen and inkorn at hiz bak; for he woold be knowen to be boopkish; lame of a leg that in his Yooth was broken at football; Well beloved yet of his Mother, that lent him a nu Musflar

flar for a Napkin that waz tyed too hiz gyrdl for lozyng. It was no small Sport too marke this Minion in hiz full apointment, that through good scoolation becam az formall in hiz Action, az had he been a Brydegroom indeed; with this speciall grace by the wey, that ever az he woold have framed him the better countenauns, with the woors face he lookt.

Well fyr, after theez horfmen, a lively Morisdauns, according too the Auncient manner: fix Dauncerz, Mawdm Marion, and the Fool. Then three pretty Puzels, az bright az a breast of bacon, of a thirtie yeere old a pees, that carried three speciall Spise-cakes of a bushel of wheat (they had it by meazure out of my *Lords* backhouse,) before the Bryde: Syzely with set countenauns, and lips so demurely simpring, as it had been a Mare cropping of a thiftl. After theez, a loovely loober woorts, freklfaced, red-headed, cleen trust in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze taken up now in deed by commissiion, for that hee waz so loth to cum forward, for reverens belike of hiz nue cut canvas dooblet; and woold by hiz good will have been but a gazer, but found to bee a meet actor for his

Offis:

Offis: That waz to beare the Bride-cup, foormed of a sweet fucket barrell, a faire turnd foot set too it, all seemly be sylverd and parcell gilt, adourned with a beautiful braunch of Broom, gayly begilded for Rosemary; from which, too brode Brydelaces of red and yelloo buckeram begilded, and galauntly streaming by such wind az thear waz, for he Carried it aloft: This gentl Cup-bearer yet, had hiz freckld fiznemy sumwhat unhappily infested az he went, by the byzy flyez, that floct about the Bride-cup, for the sweetness of the fucket that it favored on: but hee like a tall Fello, withstood their Mallis stoutly, (see what Manhood may do,) bet them away, kild them by scores, stood to hiz charge, and marched on in good Order.

Then folloed the worshipful Bride, led (after the Cuntrie maner) between too Auncient Parishioners, honest Toounsmen. But a stale Stallion, and a well spred, (hot az the Weather waz) God wot, and ill smelling waz she: a thirtie yeer old, of colour broun-bay not very beautifull in deed, but ugly, and foul ill favord: Yet marveyloous fond of the Offis, because shee hard
say

say shee shoold dauns before the *Queen*, in which feat shee thought she woold foot it az finely az the best: Well, after this Bride cam thear by too and too, a dozen damzels for bride-maides; that for favor, attyre, for facion and cleanlines, were az meete for such a Bride az a treen ladl for a Porige Pot: Mo, (but for fear of carring all clean,) had been appointed but theez feaw wear inoow.

Running at Quintine.

As the Cumpany in this Order wear cum into the Coourt, marvelous wear the marcial Acts that wear doon thear that day, The Bryde-groome for preeminens had the fyrst Coors at the Quintyne, brake hiz spear treshardiment: but his Mare in hiz manage did a littl so titubate, that mooch a doo had his Manhod to sit in his Sadl, and too 'scape the foyl of a fall: With the help of his hand, yet hee recooverd himself, and lost not hiz styrops (for he had none to his Saddle:) had no hurt as it hapt, but only that hiz gyrt burst, and lost hiz pen and inkorn that he waz redy to wep for; but his handkercher, az good hap waz, found hee safe at his gyrdl: that cheerd him sumwhat, and had good regard it shoold not be fyeld. For though heat and coolness upon sundry Occasions

Occazions made him sum time too sweate,
 and sum time rumaticke; yet durst hee be
 bollder too blo his noze and wype his face
 with the flapet of his fatherz jacket, then with
 his Mother's Muffler: 'tis a goodly matter,
 when Yooth iz manerly brought up, in fa-
 therlie loove and Motherly Aw.

Now Syr, after the Brydegroom had made
 hiz Coors, ran the rest of the Band a whyle,
 in sum order; but soon after, tag and rag,
 cut and long tail; whear the specialty of
 the sport was, to see how sum for hiz slak-
 ness had a good bob with the Bag; and sum
 for his haste too toppl dooun right, and cum
 tumbling to the Post: Sum stryving so
 mooch at the fyrst setting oout, that it
 seemd a question between the Man and the
 Beast, whither the Coors shoold be made
 a horsback or a foot: and put foorth with
 the spurz, then wold run hiz race by az
 among the thickest of the Throng, that
 dooun came they toogyther hand over hed:
 Anooother, whyle he directed his Coors to
 the quintine, his jument wold carry him
 too a Mare amoong the Pepl: So hiz hors
 az amoroos az him self adventuroous: A-
 nother, too, run and mist the quintyne with

E

hiz

hiz staff, and hit the boord with his hed!

Many such gay gamz wear thear among theez ryderz: who by and by after, upon a greater coorage leaft thear quintining, and ran at anoother. Thear to see the stearn countenauns, the grym looks, the cooragious attempts, the desperat Adventurez, the daungeroous Coorvez, the feers encounterz, whereby the buff at the Man, and the counterbuff at the hors, that both sumtime cam topling to the ground. By my trooth *Master Martyn* twaz a lively pastime; I beleeve it woud have mooved sum man too a right meerry mood, though had it be toold him hiz Wife lay a dying.

*Hok Tuisday
by the Coventree
men.*

And heerto folloed az good a sport, (methought,) prezented in an Historical kue, by certain good harted men of *Coventree*, my Lords Neighbors thear: who understanding amoong them the thing that coold not bee hidden from ony: hoow carefull and studious hiz honour waz that by all pleazaunt recreasions her highnes might best fynd her self wellcom, and bee made gladsum and mery; (the groundworke indeede and foundation of hiz Lordship's myrth and gladnesse

gladnesse of us all,) made petition that they moought renue noow their Old Storial Sheaw: Of argument how the *Danez* whylom heere in a troubloous Seazon wear for quietnesse born withall and suffeard in Peas; that anon, by outrage and importabl insolency, abuzing both *Ethelred* the *King*, then, and all Estates everie whear by fyde; at the greevous complaint and coounsel of *Huna* the *King's* Chieftain in warz, on *Saint Brice's* night, *Ann. Dom.* 1012, (az the book fayz, that falleth yeerely on the thirteenth of *November*) wear all dispatcht and the Ream rid. And for becauz the matter mencioneth how valiantly our *English* Women, for love of their Countree behaved themselves, expressed in Actionz and rymez after their manner, they thought it moought moove sum myrth to her *Majesty* the rather. The thing, said They, iz grounded in story, and for pastime woont too be plaid in oour Citee yearly: without ill example of mannerz, papiftry, on ony superstition: and elz did so occupy the heads of a number, that likely inoough woold have had woorz meditationz: had an Auncient beginning and a long continuauns: 'till noow of late laid dooun, they knue no cauz why, onless it wear by the

zeal of certain theyr preacherz; Men very commendabl for their behaviour & learning, and sweet in their Sermons, but sumwhat too sour in preaching away theyr Pastime: Wisht therefore, that az they shoold continue their good doctrine in Pulpet, so, for matters of pollicy and governauns of the Citie, they woold permit them to the *Mair* and *Magistratez*: and sayed by my feyth, *Master Martyn*, they woold make theyr humbl petition untoo her highnes, that they might have theyr Playz up agayn.

But aware, keep bak, make room noow, har they cum:

Captain Cox. And fyrst *Captin Cox*, an od man I promiz yoo: by profession a Mason, and that right skilfull; very cunning in fens, and hardy as *Gawin*; for his ton-sword hangs at hiz tablz eend: great oversight hath he in matters of storie: For az for *King Arthurz Book*, *Huon of Burdeaus*, the foour sons of *Aymon*, *Beuys of Hampton*, The *Squyre* of lo. degree, The *Knight of Courtesy*, and the *Lady Fagwell*, *Frederik of Gene*, *Syr Eglamoour*, *Syr Tryamoour*, *Syr Lamwell*, *Syr Isenbras*, *Syr Gawyn*, *Olyver of the Castl*, *Lucre* and *J. G. Eurialus*, *Virgil's life*, the *Castl of Ladies*, the

It is alluding to this Adventure of the Country men, that Ben.

Johnson names one of his Masques, which was printed 1640;

A Masques of Owls at Kenelworth; presented by the Ghost of Captain Cox,

mounted on his Hobbyhorse.

See Langbain's Dramatic Poets

p. 293.

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the *Wido Edyth*, the *King* and the *Tanner*,
Frier Rous, *Howleglas*, *Gargantua*, *Robin-*
hood, *Adam Bel*, *Clim* of the *Clough* and
William of *Cloudsley*, the *Churl* & the *Burd*,
the *seaven wise Masters*, the *Wife* lapt in a
Morels skin, the *sak full* of *Nuez*, the *Searge-*
aunt that became a *Fryar*, *Skogan*, *Collyn*
Cloout, the *Fryar* and the *boy*, *Elynor Rumm-*
ing, and the *Nutbrooun Maid*, with many moe
then I rehears heere; I beleeeve hee have them
all at his fingers endz.

Then in Philosophy, both Morall and
Naturall, I think hee be as naturally over-
seen; beside *Poetrie* and *Astronomie*, and
oother hid *Sciences*, az I may gesse by the
Omberty of his Books; whearof part, az I
remember, The *Sheperds Kalendar*, The
Ship of Fools, *Danielz Dreamz*, the *Book* of
Fortune, *Stans puer ad Mensam*, The bye
way to the *Spittl-house*, *Julian* of *Brainford's*
Testament, the *Castle of Love*, the *Booget* of
Demaunds, the *Hundred Mery Talez*, the
Book of *Riddels*, the *Seaven Sororz* of *Wemen*,
The *prooud Wives Pater-Noster*, the *Chapman*
of a *Peniwoorth* of *Wit*: Beside hiz Auncient
Playz, *Yooth* & *Charitee*, *Hikskorner*, *Nugize*,
Impacient Poverty, & heerwith *Doctor Boords*
Breviary

Breviary of Health. What shoold I rehearz heer, what a bunch of Ballets and Songs, all Auncient; as *Broom broom on Hil, So Wo iz me begon, trolly lo. Over a Whinny Meg, Hey ding a ding, Bony lasfs upon a green, My bony on gave me a bek. By a bank az I lay:* and too more he hath fair wrapt up in Parchment, and bound with a Whipcord. And az for Almanaks of Antiquitee, (a point for *Ephemerides*) I ween he can sheaw from *Jasper Laet of Antwarp* unto *Nostradam of Frauns*, and thens untoo oour *John Securiz of Salisbury*. To stay ye no longer herein, I dare say hee hath az fair a Library of theez Scienceez, and az many goodly Monuments both in Proze and Poetry, and at afternoonz can talk az much without book, az ony Inholder betwixt *Brainford* and *Bagshot*, what degree soever he be.

Beside thiz, in the field a good Marshall at musters; of very great Credite and trust in the Toun here; for he haz been chozen Ale-cunner many a Yeer, when hiz betterz have stond by; and ever quited himself with such estimation, az yet too tast of a Cup of *Nippitate*, hiz judgement will be taken a-
bove

bove the best in the Parish, be hiz noze near
so read.

Captain Cox cam marching on valiantly
before, cleen trust and gartered above the
knee, all fresh in a Velvet Cap (*Master Gold-
ing* a lent it him,) floorishing with hiz ton
swoord; and another fens master with him:
Thus in the forward making room for the
rest. After them, proudly prickt on for-
most the *Danish* launce knights on hosbak,
and then the *English*: Each with their Al-
der pole martially in their hand. Eeven at
the first entree, the meeting waxt sum-what
Warm; that bye and bye kindled with corage
a both sidez, grue from a hot skirmish unto
a blazing Battail: first by speare and shield,
outragious in their racez as ramz at their rut;
with furious encoounterz, that togyther they
up too the dust, sumtime hors and man,
and aner fall too it with sworde and target,
good bangz a both sidez. The fight so
ceassing, but the Battail not so ended follo-
ed the Footmen; both by the Hostes ton a-
fter toother; first marching in ranks; then
Warlik turning; then fro ranks into squad-
rons; then intoo triangles; fro that into
rings, and so winding oout again. A valiant

*The Coventree
Play.*

Captain

Captain of great prowes az fiers az a fox
 affauting a gooz, waz so hardy to give the first
 stroke: then get they gryfly togyther, that
 great was the Activitee that day too beseen
 thear a both sidez: ton very eager for purchaz
 of pray, toother utterly stoout for redemption
 of Libertie: thus, quarrell enflamed fury
 a both sidez: Twise the *Danes* had the bet-
 ter, but at the last conflict, beaten down,
 overcom, and many led captive for triumph
 by our *English* Weemen.

This was the effect of this Sheaw; that
 az it waz handled, made mooch matter of
 good Pastime: brought all indeed into the
 great Coourt, een under her highnes win-
 do too have seen: but (az unhappy it waz
 for the Bride) that cam thither too soon,
 (and yet waz it a four a Clok.) for her high-
 nes beholding in the Chamber delectabl
 dauncing indeed, and heerwith the great
 throng and unruliness of the people, waz
 cauz that this solemnitee of Brideale and
 dauncing, had not the full muster was hop-
 ed for; and but a littl of the *Coventree* Pley
 her highnes also saw, commaunded therefore
 on the *Tuisday* folloing to have it full oout:
 az accordingly it waz prezented; whereat
 her

her *Majesty* laught well: They wear the Jocunder, and so mooch the more, becauz her highnes had given them too Buckes and five Marke in mony, to make mery togyther: They prayed for her *Majesty*, long, happily to reign, and oft to cum thither, that oft they moought see her: and what, triumphing upon the good acceptauns, they vaunted their Play was never so dignified, nor ever any Players before so beatified.

Thus, tho' the Day took an end, yet slipt not the night all sleeping away: for az neyther Offis nor obsequie ceassed at any time too the full, to perform the Plot his Honor had appoynted: So after supper waz thear a Play of a very good Theam presented, but so set foorth, by the Actours well handling, that pleazure and mirth made it seem very short, tho' it lasted too good ourz & more. But stay *Master Martyn*, all iz not doon yet.

After the Play, oout of hand folloed a most delicious and (if I may so terme it.) an Ambrosiall Banket: whearof, whither I might more muze at the deintynesse, shapez, and the cost; or else at the variete and num-

ber of the dishes (that wear a three hundred) for my part I could littl tell them; and now les I assure yoo. Her *Majesty* eat smally or nothing: which understood; the Coorfez wear not so Orderly served and' fizely set dooud, but wear by and by as disorderly wasted and coorfly consumed; more courtly me thought than curteously: But that was no part of the matter; moought it pleaz and be liked, and do that it cam for, then was all well inough.

Untoo this Banket thear was appoynted a Mask: for riches of Aray, of an incredibl cost: but the time so far spent, and very late in the night now, was cauz that it cam not forth to the sheaw: And thus for *Sundayz* season, having stayd yoo the longer, according to the matter, heer make I an eend: Ye maye breath yee a while.

Munday, 10. *Munday* the eyghteenth of this *July*, the Weather being hot, her highnes kept the *Castl* for coolness, 'till about five a Clok, her *Majesty* in the Chase hunted the Hart (as afore) of fors: that whyther wear it by the cunning of the Huntsmen, or by the natural desyre of the Deer, or els by both; anon he
gat

gat him to soyl agayne, which reyzed the accustomed delight: a Pastime indeede, so intyrelly pleazaunt, az whearof at times whoo may have the full and free fruition, can find no more facietee (I ween) for a Recreation, then of theyr good Viāundes at timez for their sustentation.

Well, the Game was gotten; and her Highnes returning, cam thear, upon a swimming Mermayd, (that from top too tayl waz an eyghteen foot long,) *Triton Neptune's* blaster: whoo, with his Trumpet foormed of a Wrinkld Wealk, az her *Majesty* waz in sight, gave soound very shrill & sonoroous, in sign he had an Ambassy too pronooouns. Anon her highnes was cummen upon the bridge, whearunto he made hiz Fish to swim the swifter; and he then declared—"How
 " the supreamē falsipotent Monarch *Neptune*,
 " the great *God* of the swelling Seas, Prins
 " of Profunditees, and Sooverain Segnior of
 " al Lakez, fresh Waterz, Riverz, Creekez
 " and Goolphs; Understanding how a cruel
 " *Knight*, one *Syr Bruce Sans Pitee*, a mortal
 " Enemy untoo *Ladiz* of estate; had
 " long lien about the banks of this Pool in
 " wayt with his bands, heer to distrels the

“ *Lady* of the *Lake*, whearby she hath been
 “ restrayned not only from having any use of
 “ her Ancient Liberty & territoriez in-theeze
 “ parts; but also of making repayr and giving
 “ attendauns unto yoo Nobl *Queen* (quo’ he)
 “ az she woold; she promist, and also shoold;
 “ dooth therefoer signify, and heerto, of yoo
 “ az of his good Leag and deer freend make
 “ this Request, that ye will deyn but too
 “ sheaw yoor Parson toward this Pool;
 “ whearby yoor only prezents shall be mat-
 “ ter sufficient of abandoning this uncurtels
 “ *Knight*, and putting all his Bands too
 “ flight, and also deliveraunce of the *Lady*
 “ oout of this thralldom.”

Mooving heerwith from the Bridge, and
 fleeting more into the Pool, chargeth he in
Neptune’s name both *Eolus* with all his
 Windez, the Waterz with his Springez, his
 Fysh and Fooul, and all his Clients in the
 same, that they ne be so hardye in any fors
 to stir, but keep them Calm and quiet while
 this *Queen* be prezent. At which petition,
 her Highness staving, it appeerd straight
 hoow *Syr Bruce* became unseen, his Bands
 skaled, and the *Lady* by and by, with her
 two *Nymphs* floating upon her moovable
Islands

Ilands (*Triton* on his Mermaid skimming by,) approched toward her highnes on the Bridge;—as well too declare that her *Majestiez* prezens hath so graciouſlie thus wrought her deliverauns, az allſo to excuze her not comming to Court az ſhe promiſt, and cheefly to prezent her *Majeſtie* (as a token of her Duty and good hart) for her highneſs recreation, with this Gift; which was *Arion* that excellent and famous Muzicien, in tyre and appointment ſtraunge well ſeeming too his Parſon, ryding aloſte upon his old freend the Dolphin, (that from hed too tayl waz a foour and twenty foot long,) and ſwymd hard by theez *Ilands*. Heerwith, *Arion*, for theez great Benefitez, after a feaw well coouched woords unto her *Majeſty* of thankſgiving, in ſupplement of the ſame; began a delectabl Ditty of-a Song well apted to a melodious noiz; compoounded of fix ſeveral Inſtruments, all covert, caſting ſound from the Dolphin's belly within; *Arion*, the ſeaventh, ſitting thus ſinging (az I ſay) without.

Noow Syr, the Ditty in meeter ſo aptly endighted to the matter, and after by Voys ſo deliciously deliver'd; The Song, by a ſkilfull

skilfull Artift into hiz parts so sweetlie fort-
 ed; each part in his Instrument so clean and
 sharpely touched; Every Instrument agayn
 in hiz kind so excellently tunabl; and this
 in the Eeving of the day, resoounding from
 the Calmm Waters, whear prezens of her
Majesty, and longing to listen had utterly
 damped all noiz and din; the whole Armony
 conveyd in tyme tune and temper thus in-
 comparably Melodious; with what pleazure
 (*Master Martyn*) with what sharpness of
 Conceyt, with what lively delighte this
 mought pearce into the hearers harts; I
 pray ye imagin yoor self az ye may; for so
God judge me, by all the Wit and Cunning
 I have, I cannot exprefs, I promis yoo.
 “ Mais ieo bien vieu cela Monsieur, que
 “ forte grande est la pouvoyr qu’ avoit la
 “ tres nobl Science de Musique sur les esprites
 “ humains. Perceive ye me? I have told
 ye a great matter noow: As for me, sure-
 ly I was lull’d in fuch liking, and so loth too
 leave off, that mooch a doo a good while
 after, had I, to fynde me whear I waz.
 And take ye this by the way, that for the
 small Skyl in Muzik, that *God* hath sent
 me (ye kno it iz sumwhat) ile set the more
 by my self while my name is *Lancham*;
 and

and Grace a *God*, a Muzik iz a Nobl Art!

A, stay a while, see a short wit: by trooth *Knights made.*
 I had almost forgot. This daye waz a day
 of Grace beside, whearin wear avauenced
 five Gentlemen of woorshippe unto the de-
 gree of *Knighthood*; *Sir Thomas Cecyl*, fun
 and heyr untoo the right honorabl the *Lord*
Treazorer, *Syr Henry Cobham*, broother un-
 to the *Lord Cobham*, *Syr Thomas Stanhop*,
Syr Arthur Basset, and *Syr Thomas Tresham*.
 and also, by her highnes accustomed mercy
 and charitee, nyne cured of the peynfull and
 daungerous defeaz called the *King's Evill*;
 for that *Kings* and *Queens* of this *Realm*,
 withoout oother medfin (save only by handl-
 ing prayerz) only doo cure it: Bear with
 me, tho' perchaunce I place not thoz Gentl-
 men in my recitall heer, after theyr estatez;
 for I am neyther good Heraud of Armes,
 nor yet kno hoow they are fet in the Subsidy
 bookez: men of great woorship I under-
 stand they are all.

Tuisday, according to commaundement, *Tuisday*, 11.
 cam oour *Coventree* men. What their mat-
 ter was, of her highnes myrth and good ac-
 ceptauns, and Rewarde untoo them, and
 of

of their rejoyfing thearat, I ſheawd you afore, and ſo ſay the leſs noow.

Wedneſd. 12. *Wednesday* in the forenoon, preparacion was in hand for her *Majeſty* to have ſupt in

Now call'd Wedgenall; a three Myle weſt from the *Caſtl.*

Wedgnoock park. *J. G.* A goodly Park of the *Queenz Majeſties*:

For that cauſ a fair pavilion, and other proviſion accordingly thither ſent and prepared: but by meanz of Weather not ſo cleerly diſpozed, the matter waz countermaunded again: That had her highnes hapned this daye too have cummen abroad, there was made redly a Deviſe of *Godeſſez & Nymphes*, which az well for the ingenious argument, az for the well handling of it in rime and endighting, would undoubtedly have gaind great lyking and mooved no leſs delight: Of the Particulariteez whearof I ceas to entreat, leaſt like the boongling Carpentar, by miſſorting the peece, I mar a good frame in the bad ſetting up; or by my bad tempring afore hand, embleamiſhe the beauty, when it ſhould be rear'd up indeed. A This Day alſo waz thear ſuch earneſt talk and appointment of remooving, that I gave over my Noteing, and harkened after my hors.

Mary

Mary fyr, I muſt tell yoo; Az all endeavoour waz to moove mirth and Paſtime (az I tolld ye:) Eeven ſo a ridiculoous De-
viſe of an Auncient Minſtrell and his Song, *The Minſtrell*,
waz prepared to have been proffer'd, if meete
time and place had been foound for it. Ons,
in a woorſhipful Company, whear, full ap-
pointed, he recoounted his matter in ſort az
it ſhould have been uttered, I chaunſed to
bee; what I noted, heer thus I tell yoo.

A Parſon very meet ſeemed he for the pur-
poze; of a XLV years olld, apparelled part-
ly as he woold himſelf: Hiz Cap of hiz hed
ſeemly rounded tonſter wyze; fayr kembd,
that with a ſponge deintly dipt in a littl
Caponz greas, waz finelye ſmoothed too
make it ſhine like a Mallards wing. hiz
beard ſmugly ſhaven; and yet his ſhyrt after
the nu trink, with ruffs fayr ſtarched, ſleek-
ed, and gliftering like a payr of nu ſhooz:
Marſhalld in good Order: wyth a ſetting
ſtick, and ſtoout that every ruff ſtood up
like a wafer. A ſide gooun of Kendal green,
after the freſhneſs of the year now; gather-
ed at the Neck with a narro gorget faſtened
afore with a white claſp and a keepar cloſe
up to the Chin; but eaſily for heat too un-

doe when he list: seemly begyrt in a red Caddiz gyrdl; from that, a payr of capped *Sheffield* knivez hanging a to side: Out of hiz bozom draune foorth a lappet of his Napkin, edged with a blu lace, and marked with a truloove, a hart, and *A. D.* for *Damian*: for he was but a bachelor yet.

His gooun had fyde sleevez dooun to midlegge, slit from the shooulder too the hand, and lined with white Cotten. His dooblet sleevez of blak woofsted; upon them a payr of poynets of tawny Chamblet, laced a long the wraest wyth blu threedden points; a wealt toward the hand of fustian anapes: a payr of red neather stocks: a payr of Pumps on hiz feet, with a Crofs cut at the toze for Cornz; not nu indeede, yet cleanly blakt with soot, and shining az a shoing horn. Aboout his Neck, a red rebond sutabl to his girdl: His Harp in good grace dependaunt before him; his wraest tyed to a green lace and hanging by: Under the gorget of his goound a fayr flagon cheyn of Pewter, (for Sylver;) as a *Squire Minstrel* of *Middilsex*, that travaild the Cuntree thys soomer season unto Fayrzs, and woorthipfull menz houzez. From hiz cheyn hong a Schoochion, with met-

all

*a Wraest, is
a Tuncing ham-
mer, or turn-
Screw.*

all and cooler resplendant upon hiz breast,
of the auncient Armes of *Islington*: Upon
a question whearof, he, az one that waz well
School'd, & coold his lesson parfit withoout
booke too aunswear at full, if question wear
askt hym, declared: "How the woorship-
" full Village of *Islington* in *Middelsex*, well
" knoen too bee one of the most auncient
" and best Toouns in *England* next *London*
" at thiz day; for the feythfull freendship of
" long time sheawed, az well at *Cookez* feast
" in *Aldersgate-streete* yeerely upon *Holly*
" *Rood day*, az allso at all solem Bridealez
" in the Citie of *London* all the yeer after;
" in well serving them of furmenty for por-
" age, not oversod till it be too weak: of
" Mylk for theyr flawnez, not pild nor chalk-
" ed; of Cream for their Custardes, not froth-
" ed nor thykned with floour: and of But-
" ter for their Pastiez and Pye-paste, not
" made of well Curds, nor gatherd of Whey
" in soommer, nor mingled in Winter with
" salt-butter watered or washt; did obteyn
" long ago thez Woorshipfull Armez in
" cooler and soorm az yee see: which are
" The Arms, A field Argent, as the field and
" groound indeed whearin the Milk-wives *Islington Arms,*
" of this woorthy Tooun, and every man

“ els in his faculty, doth trade for his liv-
 “ ing. On a fells tenny three Platez between
 “ three Milke tankerds proper. The three
 “ Milk Tankerds; az the proper Veffell
 “ whearin the subftaunce and matter of their
 “ trade is too and fro transported. The
 “ fells tenny, which iz a cooler betokening
 “ dout and fufpition; fo az fufpition and
 “ good heed taking, as wel to their Markets
 “ and Servants, as to their Customerz that
 “ they trust not too farre; may bring unto
 “ them Platez, that iz Coynnd Sylver; three,
 “ that iz fufficient and plentie; for fo that
 “ Number in Armory may well fignifie.

*The
 horn-spoons.*

“ For Creaft, upon a Wad of Ote ftawe
 “ for a Wreath, a boll of furmenty: Wheat
 “ (az ye kno) iz the moft precious Gift of
 “ *Ceres*; and in the midft of it fticking, a
 “ doozen of horn-spoonz in a bunch, az the
 “ Instruments meeteft too eate furmenty por-
 “ age wythall: a doozen, az a number of
 “ plenty compleat for full cheere or a Ban-
 “ ket; and of Horn, az of a fubftauns more
 “ eftimabl then iz made for a great deel;
 “ beeing nether fo churlifh in weight, az
 “ iz mettall; nor fo froward and brittl to
 “ manure, as ftone; nor yet fo foily in ufe
 “ nor

" nor roough to the lips, as wood is; but
 " lyght, pliaunt, and smooth; that with a
 " littl licking, wool alweyz be kept az
 " clen az a dye. With yoor paciens *Gentle-*
 " *men* (quoth the Minstrel) be it said; wear
 " it not in deede that hornz bee so plentie,
 " Hornware, I beleeve woold bee more set
 " by than it iz; and yet ther arr in our parts
 " that wyl not stick too avow, that many an
 " honest man, both in Citee & Cuntree, hath
 " had his hoouse by horning well upholden,
 " and a daily freend allso at need: And
 " this with your favour may I further
 " affirm; a very ingenious Parson waz hee,
 " that for dignitte of the stuff, coold thus by
 " spooning devise to advauns the horn so
 " neer to the Head. With great congruens
 " also wear theez horn-spoonz put too the
 " Wheat; az a token and porcion of *Cornu-*
 " *copiæ*, the horn of *Achelous*; which the *Ovid. Meta-*
 " Maiades did fill with all good frutez, Corn *morph. Lib. 9.*
 " and Grain; and after did consecrate unto
 " aboundauns and plenty.

" This Shoochion with Beastz, very aptly
 " agreeing both to the Arms, and to the trade
 " of the bearers; glorioously supported. Be-
 " tween a gray Mare, (a beast meetest for
 " carying

“ carying of Milk tankards) her pannell on
 “ her bak, az alwaies reddy for servis at
 “ every Feast and Brideale at neede; her
 “ tayl splayd at most eaz; and her filly sole,
 “ fallow and flaxen mane after the fyre.

“ In the skro under-graven (quoth hee) iz
 “ thear a proper woord, an *Hemistichi*, well
 “ squaring with all the rest, taken out of
 “ *Salerns* chapter, of things that moost
 Schola Salerni. “ noorish mans Body: *Lac, Caseus infans*.
 “ That iz, Good Milk, and young cheez.
 “ And thus mooch, *Gentlmen*, and pleaz you
 “ (quoth he) for the Armz of oour Woorship-
 “ ful Tooun:” and thearwithall made a
 manerly leg, and so held hiz Pease.

Az the Cumpany pawzed, and the Min-
 strel seemde to gape after a praiz for hiz
 Beau parlea: and bicauz he had renderd
 hiz lesson so well: Saiz a good fello of the
 Cumpany, “I am sory to see how mooch
 “ the poore Minstrel mistakes the matter;
 “ for indeed the Armez are thus:

“ Three Milk tankerds proper, in a field
 “ of cloouted Cream; three green cheesez
 “ upon a shealf of Cake-bread. The Fyr-
 “ menty

"menty boll and horn spoonz: cauz their
 "profit coms all by horned Beasts. Support-
 "ed by a Mare with a gald back, and thear-
 "fore still cooverd with a panniel, fisking
 "with her tail for flyez, and her filly Fole
 "neying after the Dam for suk. This woord
 " *Lac, Caeus infans*, that iz, a fresh Cheez
 "and Cream, and the common cry that
 "theeze Milk-wives make in *London* streets
 "yeerly betwixt *Easter* and *Whitfontide*:
 "and this iz the very matter I kno it well
 "enough: and so ended hiz Tale and fate
 "him dooun again."

Heerat every man laught a good, fave the
 Minstrell: that though the fooll wear made
 privy, all waz but for sport, yet too see him-
 self thus crost with a contrary kue that hee
 lookt not for, woold straight have ge'en
 over all; waxt very wayward, eager and
 foour: hoowbeit at lasfe, by sum entreaty,
 and many fair woordz, with sak and suger,
 we sweetned him againe: and after he be-
 cam az mery az a Py. Appeerez then a
 fresh, in hiz ful formalitee with a lovely
 loock: After three lowlie cooursiez, cleer-
 ed his vois with a hem and reach, and spat
 oout withal; wiped hiz lips with the hollo
 of

*King Arthurs
Book.*

of his hand, for fying hiz napkin, temperd
a string or too with his wreaft, and after a
littl warbling on hiz Harp for a prelude;
came foorth with a Sollem Song, warraunt-
ed for story oout of *King Arthur's* Acts; The
first booke, and 26 Chapter; whearof I gate
a Copy : And that iz this: viz.

[*The Minstrell's Sonnett.*]

So it befell upon a Pentecost day,
When *King Arthur* at Camelot kept Coourt rial,
With his cumly *Queen* dame Gaynoour the gay,
And many bolld Barons fitting in hall;
Ladies apparaild in Purpl and Pall.
When Herauds in hukes herried full by
Largefs Largefs Chevaliers trefhardy.

A doouty Dwarf too the uppermoft deas
Right peartly gan prik, and kneeling on knee,
With fleeven full floout amids all the preas,
Said hail *Syr King*, *God* thee fave and fee;
King Ryens of *Northgalez* greeteth well thee,
And bids that thy beard anon thou him fend,
Or els from thy jawz he will it of rend.

For his robe of fstate, a rich fkarlet mantell,
With a leaven *Kings* beards bordred aboout,
He hath made late, and yet in a cantell

Iz leaft a place the twelfth to make oout,
 Whear thien muft stand bee thou never fo floout;
 This muft bee doon I tell thee no fabl,
 Mawgre the poour of all thy round tabl.

When this mortal Meffage from hiz mouth waz paf, t,
 Great waz the brute in Hall and in Boour,
 The *King* fumed, the *Queen* fhriked, *Ladie*z wear agaft,
Princes puft, *Barn*z bluftered, *Lord*z began too loour,
*Knight*z ftampt, *Squire*z ftartld az fteedz in a floour.
Yeemen and *Page*s yeald oout in the Hall,
 Thearwith cam in *Syr Kay* of *Senefhall*.

Sylens my fuffrainz quoth the courteyz *Knight*.
 And in that floound the chearm becam fill,
 The *Dwafs* dynner full deerly waz dight,
 For wine and wastell hee had at hiz will;
 And when he had eaten and fed hiz fill,
 One hundred peece of coyned gould,
 Wear given the *Dwarf* for hiz meffage bolld.

Say too *Syr Ryens* thou *Dwarf* quoth the *King*,
 That for his proud meffage I him defy,
 And fhortly with bafins and panz will him ring
 Oout of *Northgale*z, whearaz hee and I
 With *Sweards* and no razerz fhall utterly try
 Which of us both iz the better Barber:
 And thearwith, he fhook hiz fword *Excalaber*!

At this the Minstrell made a pauz and a curtezy, for primus pastus. More of the Song iz thear, but I gat it not. Az for the matter, had it cum to the Sheaw, I think the Fello would have handled it well ynoough.

Her Highness tarried at *Kyllingwoorth* tyll the *Wednesday* after, being the 27 of this *July*, and the *Nineteenth* (inclusive) of her *Majestiez* cumming thither. For which seven daiz, perceyving my notez so slenderly aunfwering, I tooke it les blame too ceas, and thearof to write yoo nothing at al, then in such matterz to write nothing likely: And so mooch the rather, (az I have well bethooght me) that if I dyd but ruminate the dayz I have spoken of, I shall bring oout yet sumwhat moor meet for yoor appetite, (though a deinty tooth have ye) which I beleve yoor tender stomach will brook well inoogh.

The Seavens.

Whearof part iz fyrst hoow according to her highnes name *Elizabeth*, which I heer say oout of the Hebru signifieth (amoong oother) the *Seaventh of my God*: diverz things heer, did soo justly in number square with the same. Az fyrst, her highness hither cumming

cumming in this seaventh moonth: then, prezedted with the seaven Prezents of the Seaven *Gods*: And after, with the Melody of the seaven sortd Muzik in the Dollphin, the Lake-Ladies gyft. Then too consider, how fully the *Gods* (az it seemed) had conspyred most magnificently in aboundauns too bestow theyr influencez and gyfts upon her coourt thear to make her *Majesty* merry.

Sage *Saturn* himself in parson (that by *Saturn, and Pallas.* cauz of hiz lame leg could not so well stir) in chayr thearfore too take order with the grave Officerz of Household, holpen indeed with the good advise of hiz prudent Nees *Pallas*: That no unruly body or disquiet disturb the nobl assemblée, or els be ons so bolld too enter within the *Castl* gatz. Away with all rascalls, captivez, melancholik, waiward, froward, Conjurerz, and Usurers, and to have laborers and underwoork men for the beautifying of oney place, alwey at hand az they shoold be commaunded.

Jupiter sent Parsonages of hy honor and dignitee: *Barons, Lords, Ladies, Judges, Bishops, Lawyerz, Doctors*: With them, Vertu, Noblness, equitee, Liberalitee, and *Jupiter.*
H₂ compassion;

compassion: due Season, and fayr weather: saving that at the petition of hiz deer sister *Ceres*, he graunted a day or two of sum sweet shoourz, for rypening of her Corn that waz so well set, and too set forward Harvest. Heerwith, bestoed he such plenty of pleazaunt Thunder, Lightning, and thunderbolts, by his halting sun and fyermaster *Vulcan*, still fresh and fresh framed: alweyz so frequent, so intellabl, and of such continuauns in the spending (az I partly tolld ye) consumed, that surely he seemz to be az of Poor inestimabl: so, in store of municion, unwaftabl; for all *Ovid's* censure, that saiz

Si quoties peccant homines sua fulmina mittat

Jupiter, exiguo tempore inermis erit.

If *Jove* shoold shoot his Thunderbolts az oft az men offend,
Assure you iz Artillary wold soon be at at an end!

What a number of Estatez and of Nobilitee had *Jupiter* assembled thear; gess ye by thys, that of sort woorschipfull thear wear in the coourt dayly aboove fourty, whearof the meyenest, of a thouzand mark yeerly revenu, and many of mooch more. This great gyft byside, did hiz deitee cast upon her highnes, too have fayr and feazonabl weather at her ooun' appointment; According whearunto her *Majesty* so had. For her gracious prezens thearfore with this great gift indewed,

Lichfeeld,

Lichfeeld, Worceter, and Middelton, with manye places mo, made humbl sute untoo her hignes too cum: too such whearof az her *Majesty* coold, it cam, and they seazon acceptabl.

Phæbus, bifide his continuall and most delicious Muzik, (az I have toold yoo) appointed he Princes too adourn her highnes Coourt, Coounfelerz, Herauds, and fanguine Youth, pleazaunt & mery, costlye garments, learned Phizicianz, and no need of them.

Phæbu.

Juno, Golld Cheynez, Ouchez, Jewels of gret price and rich attire, woorn in mooch grace, and good beseeming, without pryde, or emulation of ony.

Juno.

Mars, Captainz of good Conduet, Men skylfull in feats of Armz, pollitik in strata-gems, good Coorage in good Quarelz, Valiant and Wizehardy: abandoning pikquarrells and ruffians: appoynting also purfyvaunts, Currars, and Posts, still feeding her highnes with Nuze and intelligencez from all parts.

Mars.

Venus, Untoo the Ladiez & Gentlwemen, Beauty, good favor, Cumlinesf, galant attyre, dauncing with cumly grace, sweet vois in song & pleazaunt talk, with exprefs commaundment and charge untoo her sunn on her

Venus.

her Blessing, that he shoot not a shaft in the Court all the while her highnes remayned at *Killingwoorth*.

Mercuri. *Mercury*, Learned men in Sciences, Poets, Merchants, Painterz, Karverz, Playerz, Engynerz, Devyserz, and dexteritee in handling of all pleasaunt attempts.

Luna. *Luna*, Calm nights for quiet rest, and sylver moonshine, that nightly in deed shone for most of her *Majestiez* beeing thear.

Plutus. Blind *Plutus*, Bags of Moony, Customers, Exchaungers, Bankers, store of riches in Plate and in Coyn.

Bacchus. *Bacchus*, Full Cups every whear, every oour, of all Kynds of Wyne. Thear waz no deintee that the Sea could yeeld, but

Neptune. *Neptune* (thoough his Reign at the neereſt ly well ny a hundred mile of) did dayly send in great plenty, sweet and freash. As for freash-water fish, the store of all sorts waz abundaunt.

Ceres. And hoow bountifull *Ceres* in provizion waz, gefs ye by this, that in lytel more then a three dayz space, 72 tunn of Ale and Beer was pyept up quite: what that mighte whilst with it of Bread beside Meat, I report me to yoo: and yet *Master Controller*, *Master Coferar*, and diverz Officers of the Court,

fum

sum honorabl, and fundrye right woorship-
full placed at *Warwik*, for more rooom in
the *Castl*. But heer waz no ho *Master Martin*
in devoout drinking allwey; that brought
lak unlookt for; whiche being knoen too the
Woorshipfull my *Lords* good Neighboorz,
cam thear in a too dayz space, from fundry
friendz, a releef of a XL Tunn, 'till a nu
supply waz gotten agayn: and then too oour
drinking a freshe az fast az ever we did.

Flora, Abrode and within the hoouse,
ministred of Flourz so great a quantitee, of
such sweet Savour, so beautifully hued,
so large and fayr proporcion, and of so
straunge kindez and shapez, that it waz
great pleasure too see: and so mooch the
more, az thear waz great store yet counterfet,
and foormed of featherz by Art; lyke glo-
rious too the sheaw az wear the naturall.

Flora.

Portheus, Hiz Tumbler that coold by
nimblness cast himself into so many foorms
and facionz.

Protheus.

Pan, His merry morrys dauns with theyr
Pype and taber.

Pan.

Bellona, Her Quintine knights, and pro-
per Bickerings of the *Coventree* men.

Bellona.

Polyphemus, *Neptunez* sun and heyr: (let
him I pray, and if it be but for his father's
fake

Polyphemus.

fake; and for hiz good will, be allowed for a *God*;) with his Bearz, his Bearwhealps and Bandogs.

Aeolus. *Aeolus*, Holding up hiz Windz, while her Highnes at any tyme took pleazure on the Water, and staying of Tempests during a bode heer.

Sylvanus. *Sylvanus*, Beside hiz plentifull provizion of fooul for deynty Viaunds, his pleazaunt and sweet singing Byrds: whearof I will sheaw yoo more anon.

Echo. *Echo*, Her well endighted Dialog.

Faunus. *Faunus*, His Jolly Savage.

Genius loci. *Genius loci*, His tempring of all things within and without, with apt time and place to pleazure and delight.

Charites. Then the three *Charites*: [or Graces:] *Aglaia*, with her lightsum gladnes. *Thulia*, her floorishing freshnes, *Euphrosyne*, her cheerfulness of Spirite, and with these three *Concordia*, with her Amitee and good agreement, That too hoow great effects their ppoours wear ppooured oout hear among us, let it bee judged by this, that by a multytude thus met of a three or foour thousand every day: and diverz dayz more, of so fundry degreez, professionz, Agez, Appetytz, dispoziitions

pozitions and affectionz; such a drifte of tyme waz thear passed, with such amitee, loove, pastime, agreement, and obediens whear it shoold; and without Quarrell, jarring, grudging, or (that I coold hear) of yll woord between any. A thing *Master Martin* very rare and straunge, and yet no more straunge then tru.

The *Parce*, (as earst I shoold have said) The *Parce*
 the first night of her *Majestiez* cumming, they heering and seeing so precious ado heer at a place unlookt for, in an uplondish Cuntree so far within the Ream: preassing intoo every steed whear her highnes went, whearby so duddld with such varietee of delyghts, did set aside their Huswifrye, and coold not for their harts tend their Work a whyt. But after they had seen her *Majesty* a bed, gat them a prying into every place: Old Hags! az fond of Nueltiez, az yoong girls that had never seen Coourt afore: but neyther full with gazing, nor weary with gadding; least off yet for that time, and at high midnight gate them gigling, (but not a looud) into the preents chamber: minding indeed with their preent diligens, too recompens their former flaknes.

So, setting themselfez thus dooun too their woork, Alas! Sayz *Atropos*, I have lost my Sheerz: *Lachesis* laught apace and woould not draw a threed: And think ye damez that ile hoold the distaff, whyle both ye sit idle? why no, by my Moother's soll quoth *Clotho*. Thearwith fayr lapt in a fine lawn the Spindel and rok, that waz dizend with pure purpl sylk, layd they safely up toogyther: That other *Majestiez* distaff, for an eighteen dayz, thear waz not a thread Spoon I assure you. The too Systers after that (I hard say) began their woork again that long may they continu: but *Atropos* hard no tyding of her Sheers, and not a man that moned her los. Shee iz not beloved surely; for this can I tell yoo, that whither it bee for hate too the Hag, or loove to her Highness, or els for both; every man prayz *God* she may never find them for that woork, and so pray I daily and duly with the devouteste.

Thus partly ye perceyve now, hoow greatly the *Gods* can do for mortals, and hoow mooch alwey they loove whear they like: that what a gentl *Jove* waz thys, thus curteously too contrive heer such a treyn of
Gods?

Gods? Nay then rather *Master Martin* (to cum oout of oour Poeticaliteez, and too talk no more serioous tearms,) what a magnificent *Lord* may we iustly account him, that cold so highli cast order for such a *Jupiter* and all hiz Gods besid: That none with hiz influens, good property or prezent wear wanting; but alweiz redy at hand, in such order and aboundans for the honoring and delight of so high a Prins, oour most gracious *Queen* and Soverain. A Prins (I say) so singuler in preeminence, and worthines aboove al other Princez and digniteez of oour time: though I make no comparison too yearz past, to him that in this point, either of ignorauns,——(if any such can be,) or els of malevolens woold make any doout: fit liber Indez (as they say) let him look on the matter, and aunswer himself, he haz not far to travell.

Az for the amplitude of his *Lordships* mynde, albeit that I poor soll can in conceit no more attain untoo, then judge of a Gem whearof I have no skill: ye, though dayly worn and resplendant in myne Ey: Yet sum of the Vertuze and propertiez thearof, in quantitee or qualitee so apparaunt az can,

not be hidden but seen of all men; moonght
I be the boolder to reoport hereunto yoo: but
as for the valu, yoor jewellers by their carrets
let them cast and they can.

*Kenelworth
Castle
describ'd.*

And fyrst, who that considerz untoo the
Stately seat of *Kenelwoorth Castl*, the rare
beauty of Bilding that hiz Honor hath a-
waunced; all of the hard quarry stone; every
room so spacioous, so well belighted, and so
hye roofed within: so seemly too sight by
due proportion without: a day tyme on
every side so glittering by glasse; a nights,
by continuall brightnesse of Candel, fyre,
and torch-light transparent thro the lyght-
som wyndoz, az it wear the *Egyptian Pharos*
relucent untoo all the *Alexandrian Coast*;
or els, (tootalk merily with my mery friend,)
thus radiaunt, az though *Phæbus* for hiz eaz
would rest him in the *Castl*, and not every
night so to travel dooun untoo the *Antipodes*.
Heertoo so fully furnisht of rich Apparell and
Utenfilez apted in all pointes to the best.

The Garden.

Untoo thiz, hiz honorz exquisit appoint-
ment of a beautiful Garden, an Aker or
more of quantitee, that lyeth on the North
thear: Whearin hard all along the *Castl*
wall

wall iz reared a pleazaunt Terras of a ten
 foot hye, and twelve brode; eeven under
 foot, and fresh of fyne Grasse; az is also the
 syde thearof toward the Gardien, in whiche,
 by sundry equall distaunce: With Obelisks
 and sphearz, and white Bearz, all of stone
 upon theyr curioous basez, by goodly shew
 wear set: too theez, too fine arbers redolent
 by sweet trees and floourz, at ech end one,
 the garden plot under that, with fayr alleyz
 green by grasse, eeven voided from the bor-
 derz a both sydez, and sum (for chaunge)
 with sand, not light or too soft or soily by
 dust, but smooth and fyrme, pleasaunt too
 walk on, az a sea-shore when the Water iz
 availd: then, much gracified by du pro-
 porcion of four eeven quarterz: In the midst
 of each, upon a base a two foot square, and
 hye, seemly borderd of it self, a square
 pilasterizing pyramidally of a fyfteen foot
 hye: Simmetrically peerced through from
 a foot beneath, untill a too foot of the top:
 whearupon, for a Capitell, an Orb of a ten
 inches thik: Every of theez, (with hiz
 base,) from the groound too the top, of one
 hole peece; heawen out of hard porphiry,
 and with great art and heed (think me) thy-
 ther conveyd and thear erected. Whearat,
 further

further allso, by great cast and cost, the sweetnes of favour on all sidez, made so respiraunt from the redolent plants and fragrant earbz and flouourz, in foorm, cooler, and quantitee so deliciously variant; and frute treez bedecked with their Applz, Peares and ripe Cherryez.

*The Cage, or
Aviary.*

And unto theez, in the midst, agaynst the Terres, a square Cage, sumptuous and beautifull, joyned hard to the north wall (that a that side gards the Garden, as the Gardein the *Castl*) of a rare form and excellency was reyzed: in heyth a twentye foot, thyrty long, and a fouurteen brode. From the ground strong and close, reared breast hye, whearat a foyl of a fayr moulding was couched all aboout: from that upward, fouor great Wyndoz a froont, and too at each eend, every one a five foot wyde az many mo eeven above them, divided on all parts by a tramfam and architrave, so likewise raunging aboout the Cage. Each Windo arched in the top, and parted from oother eeven distauns by flat fayr bolteld colums, all in foorm and beauty like, that supported a cumly cornish couched al along upon the bole square. Which with a wire
net,

net, finly knit, of mashez fix square, an inch wide (az it wear for a flat roof) and likewise the space of every Windo with great cunning and cumlines, eeven and tight waz all over-strained. Under the Cornish again, every part beautified with great Diamons, Emeraude, Rubyes, and Saphyres: poynted, tabld, rok and roo, and garnisht with their golld, by skilful hed and hand, and by toile and pensil so lyvely exprest, az it mought bee great marveil and pleazure to consider how neer excellency of Art could approch untoo perfection of Nature.

Bear with me good cuntreeman, though thingez be not shecawd heer az well az I woold, or az well az they shoold. for indeed I can better imagin and conceyve that I see, then well utter or duly declare it. Holez wear thear also and caverns in orderly distauns and facion, voyded intoo the wall az well for heat, for coolnes, for roost a nightz and refuge in weather, az allso for breeding when tyme iz. More, fayr eeven and fresh hollye treez for pearching & proining, set within, tooward each eend one.

Heerto, their diversitee of meats, their
fine

fine several vessels for their water and sundry grainz; and a man skilful & diligent to looke to them and tend them.

But shall I tell yoo the silver founounded Lute, withoout the sweet tooch of hand: the glorioous goollden cup, withoout the fresh fragrant wine, or the rich ring with gem, without the fayr feawtered finger; is nothing indeed in his proper grace and use: even so his Honor accounted of this Mansion, 'till he had plast thear tenauntes according. Had it thearfore replenishte with lively Burdz, *English, French, Spanish, Canarian,* and (I am deceived if I saw not sum) *African*. Whearby, whither it becam more delightsum in chaunge of tunez, and armony too the Eare; or els in differens of coolerz, kindez, and propertyez too the Ey, Ile tell yoo If I can, when I have better bethought me.

The Gardiner. One day (*Master Martin*) az the Gardin door waz open, and her highnes a hunting, by licens of my good freend *Adrian*, I cam in at a bek, but wouold skant oout with a thrust: for sure I waz loth so soon to depart. Well may this (*Master Martyn*) bee sumwhat too

too magnitude of mynde, but more thearof
 az ye shall kno, more cauz ye shall have fo
 to think: heer out what I tell yoo, and tell
 me when we meet.

In the Center (az it wear) of this goodly
 Gardein, waz theer placed a very fayr
 Fooountain, cast intoo an eight square, rear- *The Fountain.*
 ed a four foot hye; from the midst whear-
 of a colum up set in shape of too Athlants
 joined togeather a back half; the toon look-
 ing East, toother West, with theyr hands
 uphollding a fayr formed Boll of a three foot
 over; from wheance sundrye fine Pipez
 did lively distill continuall streamz intoo the
 receyt of the foountayn,—maiteyned still
 too foot deep by the same fresh falling Water:
 whearin pleazaunly playing too and fro,
 and round about, Carp, Tench, Bream, and
 for Varietee, Pearch and Eel, fish fayr lik-
 ing all, and large: In the top, the ragged
 Staff; which, with the Boll, the Pillar, and
 eyght sidez beneath, wear all heaven oout
 of rich and hard white marbl. A one syde,
Neptune wyth hiz Tridental Fuskin triumph-
 ing in his Throne, trayled into the Deep by
 his marine horsez. On another, *Thetis* in
 her Chariot drawn by her Dolphins. Then

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Triton

Triton by hiz Fishez. Heer *Protheus* herding hiz Sea buls. Thear *Doris* and her doughterz solacing a sea & sandz. The Wavez soourg- ing with froth and fome, entermengled in place, with Whalez, Whirlpoolz, Sturgeonz, Tunneyz, Conchs, and Wealks, all engraven by exquisit devize and skill, so az I maye
Metam. 2. thinke this not much inferioour untoo *Phæbus* gategz, which (*Ovid* sayz) and peradventur a pattern to this, that *Vulcan* himself dyd cut: whearof such waz the excellency of Art, that the woork in valu furmoounted the stuff, and yet wer the gategz all of clean massy sylver.

Heer wear thinges ye see moought inflame ony mynde too long after looking: but whoo so was found so hot in defyre, with the wreast of a cok waz sure of a coolar: water spurting upward with such vehemency, az they shoold by and by be moystned from top too toe; the Hee's to sum laughing, but the shee's to more sport: This sumtime waz Occupied to very good pastime.

A Garden then so appoynted, az whear- in aloft upon sweet shadoed walk of terras, in heat of soomer, too feel the pleazaunt
 whilking.

whisking wynde above, or delectabl coolnes
 of the foountain spring beneath: to taste of
 delicious Strawberiez, Cherryez, and oother
 frutez, eeven from their stalks: too smell
 such fragrancie of sweet Odoourz, breathing
 from the plants, earbs and flooz: too heer
 such natural melodious muzik and tunez of
 burdz: to have in Ey, for myrth sumtime
 theez underspringing streamz: then, the
 Woods, the Waters, (for both pool and
 chase wer hard at hand in sight,) the Deer,
 the Peepl (that oout of the East arber in the
 base Court, also at hande in view) the frute
 trees, the plants, the earbs, the flooz,
 the chaunge in coolerz, the Burds flyttering,
 the fountain streaming, the Fysh swymming,
 all in such delectabl varietee order dignitee;
 whearby, at one moment, in one place, at
 hande, without travell, to have so full fruition
 of so many *God's* blessinges, by entyer de-
 light unto all sensez (if al can take) at once;
 for *Etymon* of the woord woorthey to bee
 calld *Paradys*: and though not so goodly as
 as *Paradis* for want of the fayr Rivers, yet
 better a great deel by the lak of so unhappy
 a tree. Argument most certein of a right
 noble mynde, that in this sorte could have
 thus all contrived.

Paradisus
Græc.
Hortus
amānīsh. aut
Hebrae. Pardes
idest Hortus.

*The Number
One.*

But *Master Martin*, yet one wyndless must
I featch, too make ye one more fayr coorz
and I can: and cauz I speak of One, let me
tell yoo a littl of the dignitee of One-hood;
whearin allweys al by Deitee al Soveraintee,
preeminens, principalitee and concord with-
out possibilittee of disagreement is conteyn-
ed: As One God, One Savioour, One
Feith, One Prins, One Sun, One Phœnix;
and az One of great Wizdom Sayz, One
hart, One Wey. Whear One-hood reinz,
ther quiet bears rule, and discord fliez a pase.
Three again may signify cumpany; a meet-
ing, a multitude, pluralitee; so az all talez
and numbrings from two unto three, and so
upward, may well be counted numberz,
'till they moount untoo infinitee, or els too
confusion, which thing the sum of two can
never admit; nor it self can well be coount-
ed a number, but rather a freendly con-
junction of two Ones; that keeping in a
synceritee of accord, may purport untoo us
Charitee each too Other; mutual Love, agree-
ment and integritee of freendship without
Diffimulation. Az in theez: The two Testa-
ments; the Two tables of the Law; The
Two great Lights, Duo luminaria magna,
the Sun and Moon. And, but mark a littl

I pray

I pray, and see how of all things in the World, oour toongs in talk doo always so redily trip upon Two's, Payrs, and Couples: Sumtyme az of things in Equality, sumtime, of Differens, Sumtime of Contrariez, or for Comparyzon, but cheefly for the most part, of things that between themselfez do well agree, and are fast linked in Amitee: Az fyrst for Pastimez Hoooundz and Hawks; Deer red and fallo; Hare and Fox; Part-rich and Fezaunt; Fish and Fooul; Carp and Tench. For Wars, Speer and Sheeld; Hors and Harness; Swoord and Buckler. For Sustenauns, Wheat and Barley; Peas and Beanz; Meat and Drink; Bread and Meat; Beer and Ale; Applz and Pearz.

But leaft by such Dualiteez I draw you too far; let us here stay and cum neerer home. See what a sort of freendlie *Binitee's* we oour selvez do consist and stond upon: Fyrst our Two feet, Two Legs, Two kneez, so upward: and Above, Two Shoolderz, Two Arms, and Two Hands. But cheefly oour principl Two; that iz, Body and Soll: Then in the Hed, whear all our Sensez meet, and almost all in Two's: Two Nozethrills, Two Earz, and Two Eyz: So ar we of
freendly

freendly Two's from top to toe. Wel, to this Number of *Binittee's*, take ye One mo for an Upshot, and heer an eend.

The 2 Dials.

Two Dials nye unto the Battilments are set aloft upon two of the Sydes of *Cæsar's* Tower; one East, the oother South; for so stond they best to sheaw the Hoourz to the Tooun and Cuntree: both fayre large and

blew Bife.

rich, by byse for ground, and Goold for letters, whearby they glitter conspicuous a great wey off. The Clok-bell that iz good and shrill, waz commaunded to Silens at first, and indeed sang not a note all the while her Highness waz thear, the Clok stood allso still withall. But mark now, whither wear it by chauns, by constellation of Stars, or by fatal appoyntment (if fatez and Starz do deal with Dialz) thus waz it indeed: The handz of both the tablz stood firm and fast, allweys pointing at two a Clok. Which thing beholding by hap at fyrst; but after seriously marking in deed, enprinted into me a deep sign and argument certein: That this Thing amoong the rest, waz for full Signifiauns of his *Lordships* honorabl, frank, freendly, and nobl hart towards all Estates: which whither cum they to stay and take

*The Dials
at 2 a Clock.*

cheer,



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cheer, or straight to return: to see, or to be seen: Cum they for Duty to her *Majesty*, or loove too his *Lordship*, or for both: Cum they early or late: for hiz *Lordships* part, they cum allweyz all at two a Clok, een jump at two a Clok: that iz to say, in good harte, good acceptauns, in amitee and freendlye wellcoom: who saw els that I saw, must say az I say. For so many things byside----*Master Humphrey*, wear heerin so consonant unto my construction, that this pointing of the Clok (to my self) I took in amitee, as an Oracle certain. And heer is my wyndless, like yoor coorse az pleaz ye.

But noow Syr too cum too eend. For receyving of her Highness, and entertainment of all thooother estatez. Syns of Delicatz that oney wey moought sewe or delight; az of Wyne, Spice deynty Viaunds, place Muzik, Ornaments of hoous, rich Arras and Sylk (too say nothing of the meaner thinges) the mass by provizion waz heaped so hoouge, which the boounty in spending did after bewray. The conceit so deep in casting the plat at first. such a wisdom and cunning in acquiring things so rich, so rare, and in such abundauns: by so
imminent

imminent and profuse a charge of Expens; whiche by so honorabl servis, and exquisit Order, curteizy of Officerz, and humanitee of all, wear so bountifully bestoed and spent; what may this exprefs, what may this set out untoo us, but only a magnifyk minde, a singuler wizdoom, a prinfly purs, and an heroical hart? If it wear my theam *Master Martyn*, too speak of hiz *Lordships* great honor and magnificens, though it be not in mee too say sufficientlie, az bad a pen-clark az I am, yet could I say a great deel more.

But being heer now in magnificens, and matterz of greatnes, It falls well too mynd *the great Tent.* the greatnes of his Honor's Tent, that for her *Majestyez* dining waz pighte at long *Ichington*, the day her Highnes cam to *Killingworth Castl.* A Tabernacl indeed for number and shift of large and goodlye roomz, for fayr and eazy Officez both inward and ooutward, al so likesum in order and Ey-sight: that justly for dignitee may be comparabl with a beautifull Pallais; and for greatnes & quantitee, with a proper Tooun, or rather a Cittadell. But to be shorth, leaste I keep you too long from the Ryall Exchange noow, and too cauz yoo conceyve mooche

mooche matter in fewest woordes. The Iron bedsted of *Og* the king of *Basan* (ye wot) waz foour yards and a halfe long, and two yards wide, whearby ye consider a Gyaunt of a great proportion waz he: This Tent had seaven Cart lode of Pynz pertein-
 ing too it: Noow for the greatnes gels az ye can. *Deut. 3,*

And great az it waz (to marshall oour matters of greatnes together,) not forgetting a Weather at *Grafton*, brought too the Coourt, that for body and wool waz exceeding great; the meazure I tooke not: let me sheaw you with what great marvel a great Chyld of *Leyceter-shire*, at this long *Ichington*, by the Parents waz presented: great (I say) of limz and proportion, of a foour foot and foour inches hye; and els lanuginooous az a lad of eyghteen yearz, being indeed—avowd too be but six yeer old; nothing more bewray-
 ing hiz age, then hiz wit; that waz, az for thooz yeers simpl and childish.

Az for unto hiz *Lordship*, having with such greatnes of honorabl modesty and benignitee so passed forth, az *Laudem sine Invidia & amicos pararit*. By greatnese of well doo-
 L ing *Terent,*

ing, woon with all sorts to bee in such re-
Blas. verens az *De quo mentiri fama veretur*: In
 fynceritee of freendship so great, az no man
Ovid. more devoutly woorships. *Illud amicitiae*
sanctum & venerabile nomen. So great in
 Liberalitie, az hath no wey to heap up the
 mas of hiz Trezure, but only by liberal giv-
 ing and boonteous bestowing hiz trezure:
 folding (az it seemez) that saw of Martial that
 sayth,

Martial.

Extra fortunam est, quicquid donatur amicis;

Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes.

Oout of all hazerd do'st thou set that to thy freends thou givest:
 A surer Trezure canst thou not have ever whyle thou lyvest.

what may theez greatnesse bode, but only az
 great honor, fame & renoun for theez parts
 heer away, az ever waz untoo thoz two nobl
 Greatz: the *Macedonian Alexander* in *Emathia* or *Grees*, or to *Romane Charles* in *Ger-
 manye* or *Italy*? which, wear it in me ony
 way to set oout, no man of all men by *God*
 (*Master Martin*) had ever more cauz, and
 that heerby consider yoo.

It pleased hiz Honor to beare me good
 wil at fyrst, and so too continu. To have
 given me apparail eeven from hiz bak, to
 get me allowauns in the Stabl, to advauns
 me

me untoo this woorshipful Office so neer the
most honorabl Councell, to help me in my
Licens of Beanz (though indeed I do not
so much uze it, for I thank *God* I need not)
to permit my good *Father* to serve the stabl.
Whearby I go now in my fylks, that else
might ruffl in my cut Canves: I ryde now
a hors back, that els many timez mighte
mannage it a foot: am knoen to their honors,
and taken foorth with the best; that els
might be bidden to stand bak my self: My
good *Father* a good releef, that hee farez
mooch the better by, and none of theez for
my dezert, eyther at fyrst or fins, *God* he
knoez. What say ye my good freend *Humphrey*,
shoold I not for ever honor, extol
him all the weys I can? Yes, by your leave,
while *God* lends me poour to utter my minde.
And, having az good cauz of hiz Honor,
az *Virgil* had of *Augustus Cæsar*, will I poet
it a littl with *Virgil*, and say

Namque erit Ille mihi semper Deus, illius aram

Sæpe tener nostris ab Ovilibus imbuet agnus.

Virgil.
Eclog. 1.

For he shall be a *God* to me, 'till death my life consumes,
Hiz Auterz will I Sacrifize with incens and parfumez.

A singlar patron of humanitee may he be
well unto us towarde all degreez: of Honour,
toward hye Estates, and cheeflye whearby
we may learne in what dignitee, worship and

reverens her Highnes is to be esteemed,
 honored and received, that waz never indeed
 more condignly done than heer; so az ney-
 ther by the Builders at first, nor by the Edict
 of pacification after, waz ever *Kenelworth*
 1266 more nobled, than by thys hiz *Lordship's*
An. 50. Hen. 8. receiving hir Highnes heer now.

But *Jesu Jesu* whither am I drawen noow.
 But talk I of my *Lord* onz, een thus it farez
 with me: I forget all my freends, and my
 self too. And yet yoo, being a Mercer, a
 Merchant, az I am: My Cuntreeman born,
 and my good freend withall, whearby I kno
 ye are compassiond with me: methought it
 my part sumwhat to impart unto yoo, hoow
 it iz heer with me, and hoow I lead my life,
 which indeed iz this. viz.

A Mornings I rize ordinarily at seaven a
 Clok: Then reddy, I go intoo the Chappell:
 soon after eyght, I get me commonly intoo
 my *Lord's* Chamber, or intoo my *Lords*
 prezidents. Thear at the Cupboord after I
 haven eaten the Manchet, served over night
 for livery, (for I dare be az bolld, I promis
 yoo, az any of my freends the Servaunts
 thear: and indeed coold I have fresh, if I
 woold

woold tarry, but I am of woont jolly and dry a mornings :) I drink me up a good bole of Ale: when in a sweet Pot it iz defecated by al night's standing, the drink iz the better, take that of me: and a morsel in a Morning, with a sound draught, is very holsome and good for the Ey-sight: Then I am az fresh all the forenoon after, az. had I eaten a hole pees of beaf. Noow Syr, If the councill fit, I am at hand; wait at an inch I warrant yoo: If any make babling, "peas (say I) woot ye whear ye are? If I take a lystenar, or a pryer in at the chinks or at the lok-hole, I am by and by in the bones of him: But now they keep good order, they kno me well inough: If a be a freend or such a one az I lyke; I make hym fit dooun by me on a foorm or a cheast: let the rest walk a *God's* name.

And heer doth my langages now and than stond me in good sted: My *French*, my *Spanish*, my *Dutch*, and my *Latten*: Sum-time amoong Ambassadours men, if their Master be within with the Councel: Sum-time with the Ambassador himself, if he bid call his lacky, or ask me what's a Clok; and I warrant ye I aunfwer him roundly; that
they

they marvel to see such a fellow thear: then laugh I and say nothing. Dinner and Supper I have twenty placez to go to, and hartly prayd to: Sumtime get I to *Master Pinuer*; by my faith a worshipfull Gentleman, and az careful for hiz charge az ony her highnes hath: thear find I allways good Store of very good Viaunds; we eat and bee merry, thank *God & the Queen*. Himself in feeding very temperat & moderat az ye shall see ony: and yet, by your leave, of a dish, as a Colld Pigeon or so, that hath cum to him at meat more than he lookt for, I have seen him een so by and by Surfit, az he hath pluct off hiz Napkin, wyept his knife, and eat not a morsel more: lyke ynoough to stick in hiz stomake a two dayz after: (sum hard message from the higher Officers; perceive ye me?) Upon search, hiz faithful dealing and diligens hath found him fautles.

In afternoons and a nights, sum time am I with the right woorshipfull *Sir George Howard*, az good a Gentlman az ony livez: And sumtime, at my good *Lady Sidneis* Chamber, a Noblwooman that I am az mooch bound untoo, az ony poore man maye be untoo so gracyoous a Lady:
and

and sumtime in sum oother place. But
 alwayez among the Gentlwemen by my
 good will; (O, yee kno that cum alweyez
 of a gentle Spirite:) And when I see cum-
 pany according, then can I bee az lyvely too:
 Sumtime I foote it with Dauncing: noow
 with my Gittern, and els with my Cittern,
 then at the Virgynalz: Ye kno nothing cums
 amisse to mee: Then Carroll I up a Song
 withall: That by and by they cum flocking
 about me lyke Beez too hunny: And ever
 they cry, anoother, good *Langham*, ano-
 ther! Shall I tell yoo? when I see *Misterz*
 ——(A, see a mad Knave; I had almost
 tollde all!) that she gyvez onz but an Ey,
 or an Ear: why then, Man, am I blest; my
 grace, my corage, my cunning is doobled:
 She sayz, Sumtime, She likez it; and then I
 like it mooch the better; It dooth me good to
 heer hoow well I can doo. And too fay truth;
 what with myne Eyz, az I can amoroously
 gloit it, with my *Spanish* Sospires, my *French*
 Heighes, mine *Italian* dulcets, my *Dutch*
 hovez, my doobl releas, my hye reaches, my
 feyning, my deep Diapason, my wanton
 warblz, my running, my tyming, my tuning,
 and my twynkling, I can gracify the matters
 az well az the proudest of them, and waz
 yet

Guittart.

yet never staynd I thank *God*: By my troth, Cuntreman, it iz sumtim by midnight, e'er I can get from them. And thus have I told ye most of my Trade, al the leeve long daye: what will ye more, *God* save the *Queen*, and my *Lord*. I am well I thank yoo.

Heerwith ment I fully to bid ye farewell, had not this doubt cum to my minde, that heer remains a doout in yoo, which I ought (methought) in any wyze to cleer. Which, iz, Ye marvel perchauns to see me so book-ish. Let me tell yoo, in few woords: I went to School, forsooth, both at *Pollez*, and allso at *Saint Antoniez*: In the fift foorm, past *Esof* fabls, I wys, (and) red *Terens*, vos istæc intro auferte, and began with my *Virgill* Tytire tu patulæ. I coold my rules conster and pars with the best of them fyns: Then, as partly ye kno, have I traded the feat of Marchaundize in sundry Cuntreys, and so gat me Languages: which do so littl hinder my *Latten*, az (I thank God) have mooch encreast it. I have leizure sumtime, when I tend not upon the Councell; whearby, now look I on one book, noow on an other. Storiez I delight in: the more auncient and rare, the more like-sum unto me: If I toll'd
ye,

ye, I lyked *William a Malmesbery* so well,
bicauze of híz diligenz and antiquitee, per-
chauns ye woold conster it bicauz I love
Mamzey so well: But I feith it iz not so:
for sipt I no more Sak and Suger, (and yet
never but with company,) then I do *Malmzey*,
I shoold not blush so mooch a dayz az I doo:
ye kno my minde.

Well noow, thus fare ye hartily well yfeith: If with wishing it coold have bin, ye had had a Buk or two this soomer; but we shall cum neerer shortly, and then shall we merreley meet and grace o' God. In the mean time, commend me I beseech yoo, untoo my good freends, almost most of them yoor Neighbourz: *Master Allderman Pullifson*, a special freende of mine: And in ony wise too my good old freend *Master Smith*, Custumer, by that same token,—“Set my hors up to the rack, and then lets have a Cup of sak. He knoes the token well ynough, and will laugh, I hold ye a grote. Too *Master Thorogood*: and to my mery cumpanion (a Mercer ye wot az we be) *Master Denman*, Mio fratello in Christo: He iz woont too summon me by the Name of *Ro. La.* of the Coounty *Nofingham* Gentle-

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man:

man: A good Companion I feyth. Well,
Onez again fare ye hartely well. From the
Cooourt. At the Citee of *Worceter*, the XX of
August 1575.

Yor Countreeman, Companion, & freend
affuredly: Mercer, Merchant aventurer, and
Clark of the Councel Chamber door, and al-
so keeper of the fame:

El Prencipe Negro. par me R. L. Gent.
Mercer.

De Majestare Regia benigna.

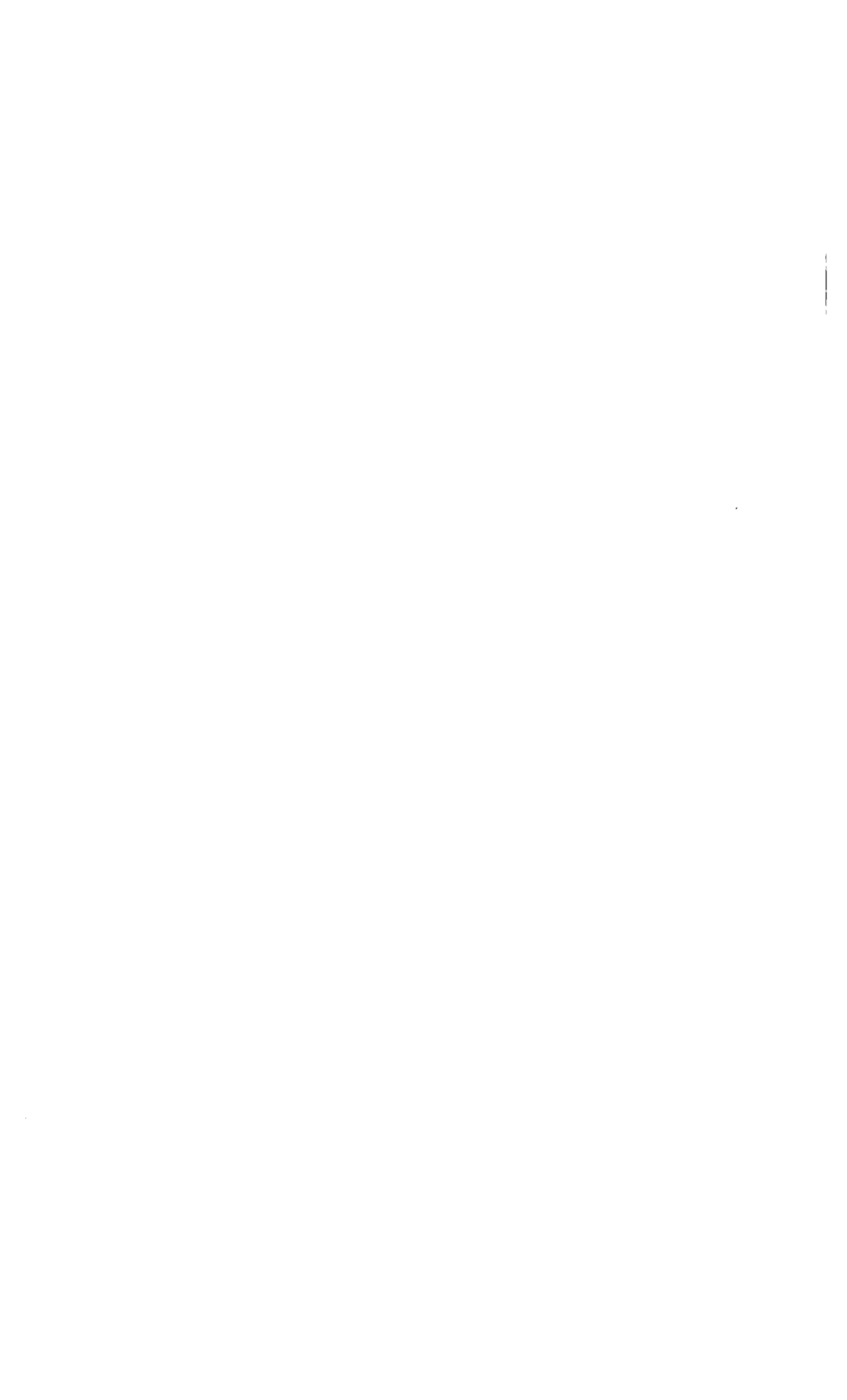
Cedant Arma togæ, Concedat laurea linguæ,
Jactanter Cicero at justius illud habet:
Cedant Arma togæ, Vigil & toga cedat honori
Omnia Concedant Imperioque suo.

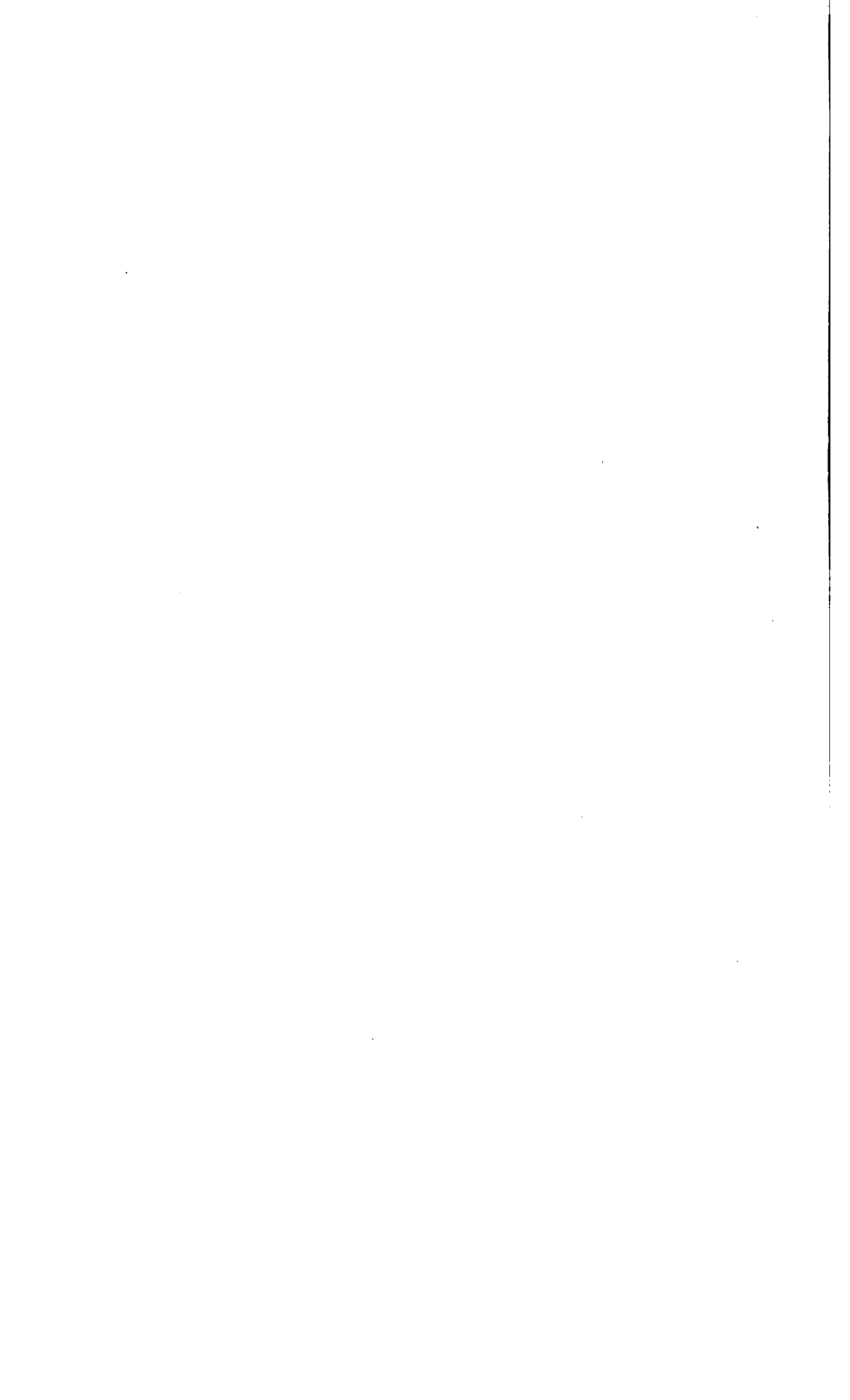
Deo Opt. Max. Gratia.

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